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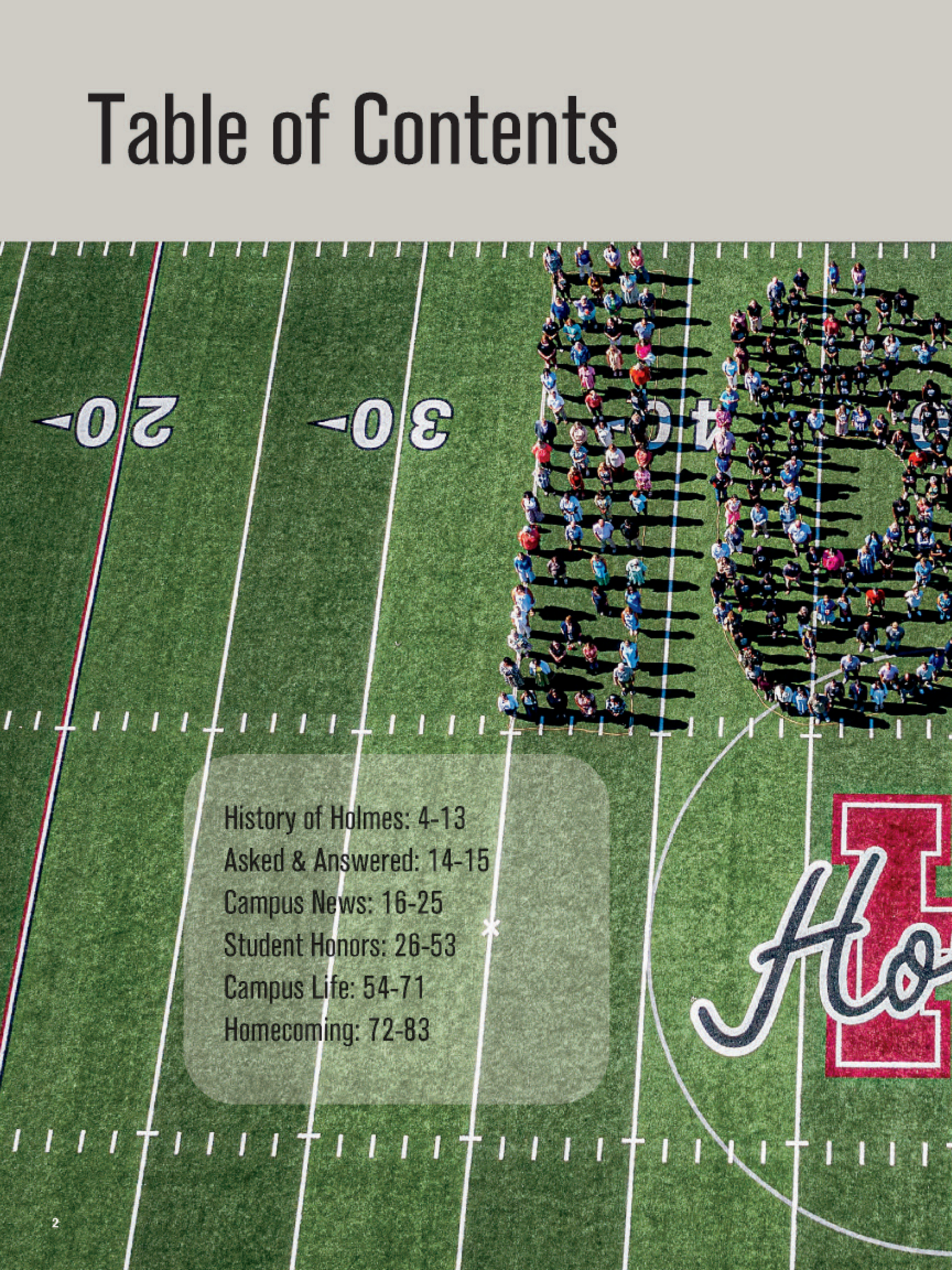
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# The Beginning of Holmes Junior College (1925-1935)

"A Decade of New Beginnings"

Before



After



At its opening, the campus consisted of only three modern structures—the administration building (shown above in 1925 and today), a boys' dormitory and a girls' dormitory—all outfitted with steam heat, electric lighting and running water. The college also maintained a fully equipped farm used as a teaching laboratory for crops and livestock, offering students hands-on learning and supplying fresh milk for campus use.



Boys' Dormitory



Girls' Dormitory



Home Economics & Agriculture Building



Gymnasium in 1931

In 1925, the Mississippi Department of Education approved Holmes County Agricultural High School in Goodman to offer freshman college courses, officially launching Holmes Junior College under Superintendent M.E. Morehead. By 1927, Holmes enrolled 20 college students, 15 commercial students and offered most major sports. With a \$12,659.50 loan, Morehead expanded the school into a full two-year college.



In 1928, M.C. McDaniel became superintendent, leading new improvements — including a gymnasium, library expansion and the creation of The Growl newspaper and the yearbook, which remain Holmes traditions today. By 1929, Holmes also added new dorms and a campus band directed by Professor Leonard of Millsaps College.

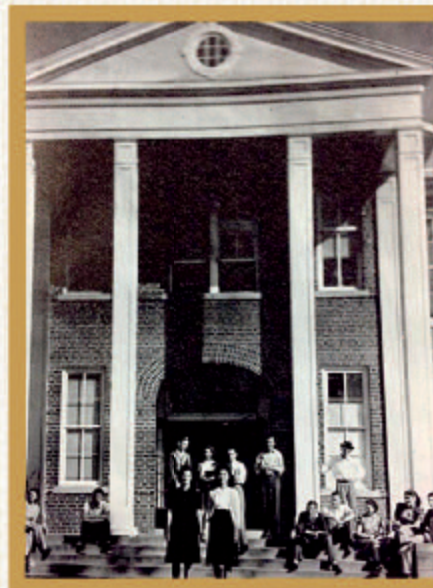


# Building the Bulldog Spirit (1935-1945)

"A Decade of Growth and Pride"



In 1936, the Holmes football stadium was built in honor of Coach Ras M. Branch, who became president in 1940 following McDaniel's resignation. Under Branch's leadership, the college expanded its facilities and academic offerings while enriching student life.



The physical expansion of the campus—marked by the addition of new dormitories, a dedicated band hall and modern laundry and canning facilities—served as a testament to Holmes' rapid growth. This era of progress culminated in 1942, when the college earned premier accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, firmly establishing its enduring reputation for excellence.

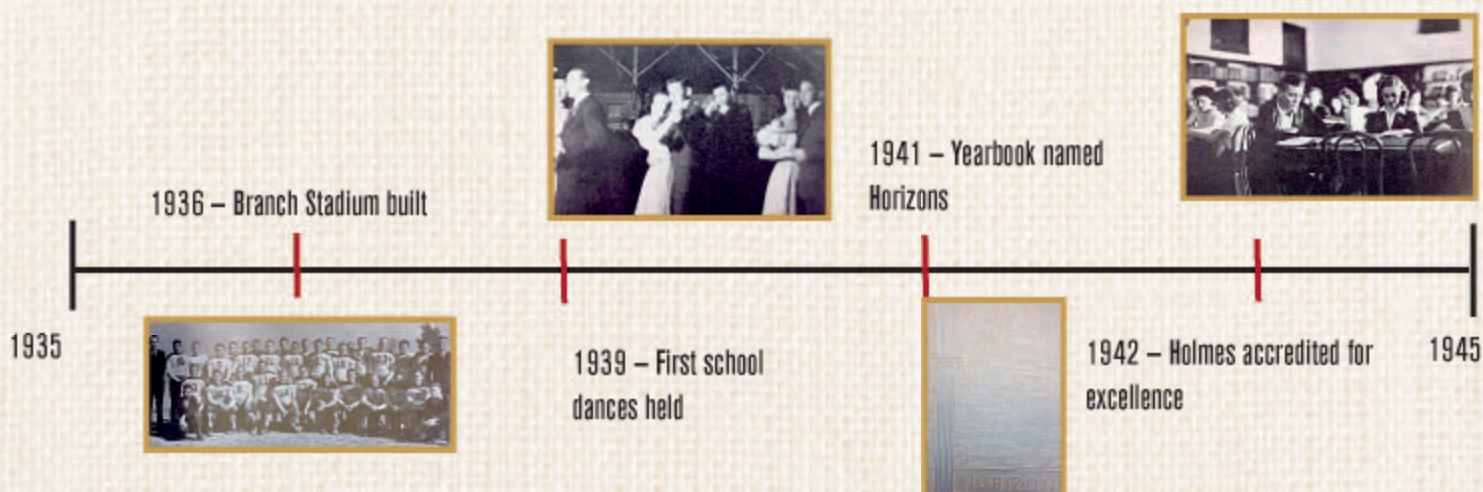


Glee Club 1941



International Relations Club 1941

Clubs and organizations flourished, including athletics, the marching band, Glee Club, debate and drama teams, the International Relations Club and religious groups. In 1939, school dances were held on campus for the first time, and the yearbook officially adopted the name Horizons in 1941.





# Stepping into a New Era (1945-1955)

## "A Decade of Reaching Excellence"



After WWII, Holmes grew rapidly as the college added a veterans dorm, converted naval barracks into housing and built new bleachers, a manual arts building, a dairy barn and additional faculty housing.

The new student center with its canteen and recreation hall became a favorite spot for Bulldog friends to unwind.



Holmes expanded its classrooms and faculty housing, serving a growing student body.



The Bulldogs football team claimed state titles in 1945-46 and 1950-51, with multiple bowl appearances.



Music and athletics united the campus, with the marching band and cheer squads leading the way.

The men's basketball team captured the 1952 state championship, thrilling Bulldog fans across campus.



Clubs and school dances reflected a new sense of normalcy and joy after the war years.



MR. CLARENCE W. LORANCE

In May of 1948, President Ras M. Branch suffered a heart attack, leading to his resignation the following January. To succeed him, the board appointed Clarence W. Lorange as the college's fourth president; Branch remained a vital part of the Holmes community, later joining the Board of Trustees. Under Lorange's leadership, the campus continued to expand with the construction of a new gymnasium in 1951. A new student center was also established on the site, serving as a modern hub with a canteen, bookstore, recreation hall and lobby.



In 1949, the college completed the iconic archway entrance to Holmes Junior College, funded by the senior classes of 1948 and 1949 as a memorial to their classmates' generosity and love for the school. Although the arch was destroyed in a truck accident in the 1990s, it was rebuilt in 2015 to celebrate Holmes' 90th anniversary, with "Holmes Community College" replacing the original lettering.



After World War II, Holmes nearly doubled its enrollment. Hundreds of returning veterans used their GI Bill benefits to continue their education, shaping a new era of growth for the college.



# Building on a Strong Foundation (1955-1965)

"A Decade of Tradition and Progress"



The mid-1950s were a challenging period for the college. Beloved President Clarence Lorance suffered a severe heart attack and died in November 1955, just four months after a fire destroyed the student center. His leadership included guiding Holmes through a time of growth and development while also improving campus facilities. When the newly rebuilt center was completed in April 1956, it was named the Lorance Center in his honor, recognizing his years of service and dedication.



Frank B. Branch, who had served Holmes Junior College since 1936 as a history instructor, coach, athletic director, dean of men and high school principal, was elected president in 1955. During his tenure, he expanded the college's district from two to nine counties, adding Attala, Montgomery, Grenada, Choctaw, Madison, Webster and Yazoo counties.



Under Branch's leadership, the campus underwent major renovations and expansion. Holmes purchased 128 acres, adding McMorrough Library (1961), Motel Dormitory for Boys (1962), Attala Hall (1962), Carroll Cafeteria (1963) and Montgomery Fine Arts Building (1965). Athletics and academics thrived: the men's basketball team won the state championship in 1956, tennis returned after an 11-year hiatus and football standout Tommy Guthrie played in the first Junior College All-American game.

In 1959, Holmes established its first Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Kappa Alpha, marking a new era of academic honor and achievement.



Tennis returned to Holmes in the mid-1950s after an 11-year hiatus, reviving one of the college's most beloved sports.



Music continued to unite the campus, with the marching band bringing energy and Bulldog pride to student events.



In 1964, Bulldog standout Ode Burrell signed with the Houston Oilers and later entered the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame.



McMorrough Library opened in 1961, giving students modern study space and becoming a center of academic life on campus.





# Building a Modern Holmes (1965-1975)

"A Decade of Expansion and Opportunity"



The college expanded its reach by offering classes in Canton, Grenada, Kosciusko, Lexington, Winona and Yazoo City, helping more students access higher education.



Webster Hall and Grenada Hall underwent major renovations in the late 1960s, reflecting Holmes' growing student population and expanding campus needs.

Cosmetology continued to thrive during this decade, giving students hands-on experience and preparing them for careers in the beauty industry.



Faith-based groups such as Baptist Student Union and Wesley Foundation helped students build community and stay connected on campus.



Academic excellence remained strong through organizations like Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda, which offered leadership and scholarship opportunities.



Extracurricular opportunities flourished, and students enjoyed hands-on learning experiences in the classroom.



Athletics also advanced, with the first female athletic scholarship awarded in 1975. Near the end of the decade, Holmes opened Frank B. Branch Coliseum, and both the Coliseum and McDaniel Building were dedicated on April 21, 1974, further cementing the college's commitment to student growth, athletics and campus life.

## Did You Know?

By the early 1970s, Holmes offered more than a dozen new technical and career programs – including data processing, welding, machine shop and practical nursing – making it one of the most career-diverse junior colleges in Mississippi.



# Building a Wider Reach (1975-1985)

"A Decade of New Leadership"



M.R. Thorne became Holmes' president in 1976 upon Frank B. Branch's retirement. Under his leadership, the college strengthened vocational programs and expanded its district-wide reach. Thorne had served at Holmes in various roles since 1959, and he led the college as president until his retirement in 1989.



One of the most significant developments was the creation of two commuter campuses in Ridgeland and Grenada by 1985. The decision followed extensive strategic planning in 1981-1982 involving all segments of the college community. These centers were designed to expand access to Holmes' educational programs and services, making them available to a greater portion of the district's population and ensuring that students across the region could benefit from the college's offerings.



Holmes built a new library in the mid-1970s, replacing the earlier facility and providing expanded space for the growing collection.



During this era, Holmes expanded its campus and athletic facilities. Dedicated in 1976, the A.A. Derrick Jr. Field House became a major addition, providing modern facilities for Bulldog athletes and hosting student events. In 1978, Holmes added a new mechanics and welding building, strengthening hands-on career training across campus.



Holmes celebrated a major milestone in 1981 when the football team captured the state championship, energizing the Bulldog community.



Madison Hall, a men's dormitory, was destroyed by fire in 1978, marking one of the decade's most difficult moments for the campus.

Holmes kept up with technological advances on campus, offering students the newest in computers and more.





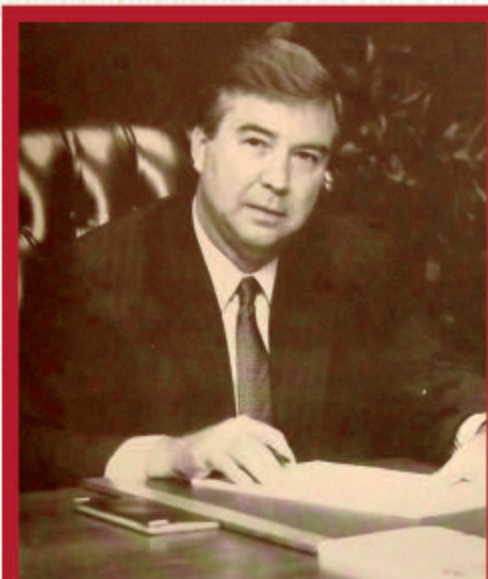
# Building a New Identity (1985-1995)

"A Decade of Advancement, Achievement & Change"



Change was in the air at Holmes during the mid-1980s through the mid-1990s. The most significant development was the addition of the Grenada Center and the Ridgeland Campus, followed by growth and expansion at both sites. Advancement was also reflected in the college's name change from Holmes Junior College to Holmes Community College on July 1,

1989. The new name was intended to better reflect the comprehensive mission of the progressive two-year institution. Pictured above is the first Horizons yearbook that reflected the name change, the 1989-1990 book.



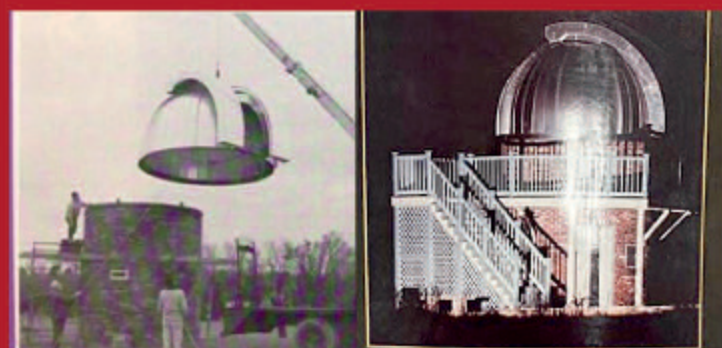
That same year Holmes Junior College became Holmes Community College, Dr. Starkey A. Morgan, Sr., was named the institution's seventh president.



Laurie Reynolds won the first-ever Miss Holmes Community College title in 1990 — she was crowned Miss Holmes Community College that year and then went on to represent the college in the Miss Mississippi pageant the following July.

## Did You Know?

In 1993, a new men's dormitory was built and named for alumnus Kelly Gene Cook Sr., whose foundation provided a \$500,000 grant during the "Lighting the Way" campaign.



After two years of planning, Holmes instructors Luther Boggan and Michael Burchfield developed an astronomy observatory. The project was completed Sept. 28, 1991, when a 14-inch Celestron telescope captured its first view of Saturn.



Holmes' success extended across academics, athletics and student life. In 1988, the Ridgeland Scholars Bowl team won the statewide competition, and the Lady Bulldogs basketball team captured back-to-back state titles in 1990-91 and 1991-92, along with a Region XXIII championship and a fifth-place finish at the NJCAA national tournament.



# Building the Next Chapter (1995-2005)

"A Decade of Forward Motion"



The Computer Technology Center on the Goodman Campus was completed in 1997, and through the Community College Network (CCN), students on all three campuses could participate in the same class simultaneously. This system also allowed students to take courses from other community colleges without leaving their own campuses.



Additionally, in 1997, Holmes returned to Kosciusko with the opening of the Attala Educational Center, fulfilling a promise made after leaving the original facility in 1992.



Dedicated in 2002 in honor of Lyle and Nell Rose Corey, the Granada Center's Corey Forum—originally built in 1990—was updated thanks to many generous contributors like the Coreys. Dividers for the building made it possible for the auditorium to also be used for the much-needed classroom space.



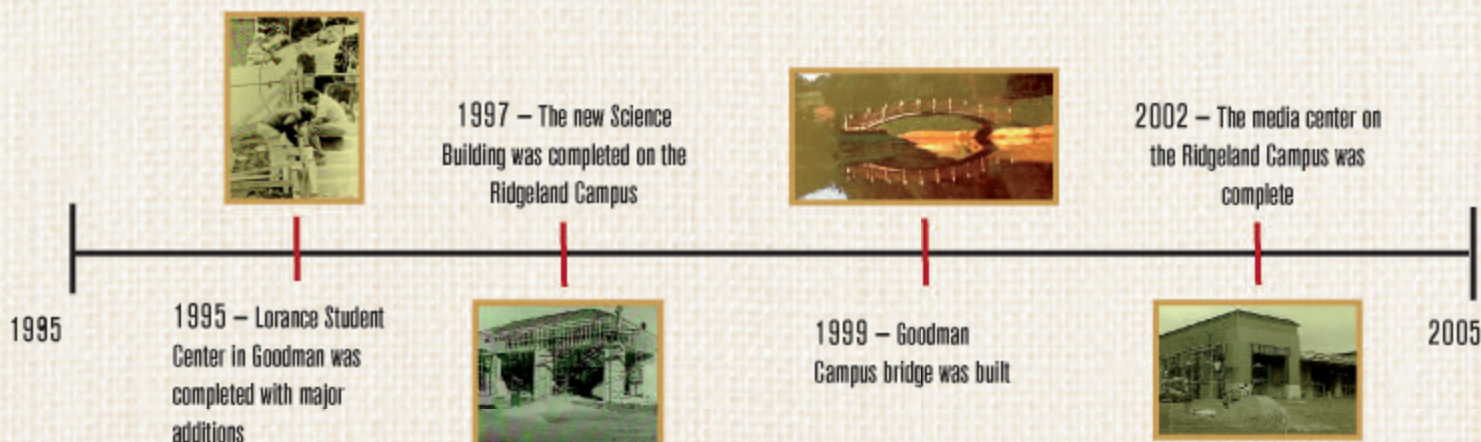
The Chapel on the Hill on the Goodman Campus was completed in Spring of 2003 and includes a courtyard with brick walls, wrought-iron fencing, a fountain and a memorial brick wall honoring people and milestones.



In 2005, Dr. Glenn Boyce became the eighth president of Holmes, leading Holmes to national recognition as one of the highest achieving community colleges in the country.



Holmes students continued to excel in the late 1990s, with the Bulldog football team reaching the State Championship in '96, choral groups performing internationally in Spain in '97 and Goodman students winning the Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl in '98.





# Building for the Future (2005-2015)

"A Decade of Growth, Progress and Transformation"



In 2006, the \$8.5 million D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center opened on the Ridgeland Campus. The 50,000-square-foot facility includes career-tech classrooms, workforce training areas, offices, the GED Center and an auditorium.



In 2014, Dr. Jim Haffey was named the new president of Holmes Community College. At the age of 37, he became the youngest president in the Mississippi Community College system.



Under Dr. Haffey's leadership, Holmes opened the Yazoo County Economic Development and Educational Center in 2015. Holmes also acquired the approximately 25,000-square-foot building that formerly housed Fitness Lady, as well as roughly four acres of prime I-55 Road access, to expand the territory of the Ridgeland Campus.

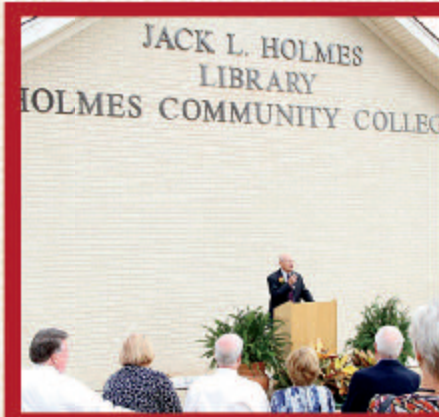
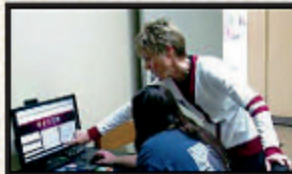
Holmes launched its student portal, "My Doghouse" in 2007, upgraded to "My Holmes" in 2015 and introduced student email accounts.

In 2013, the Grenada Campus opened a new \$8.5 million facility for biology labs and the physical therapy assistant program. The building was later named Donald E. Phillips Hall in 2015, honoring Phillips' lasting support and service to Holmes.

A pilot program launched in 2014 on the Ridgeland Campus trained Mississippi's first critical care paramedics following 2013 licensing legislation, preparing them to deliver advanced life-saving care in transport. Holmes also added conservation law enforcement technology and forensic science programs during this era.

In 2009, Goodman gained a new welcome center, Dazzler practice facility and the electrical linemen program was established.

In 2012, the Goodman Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter earned "World's Most Distinguished Chapter." Afterwards, the Mississippi Legislature formally recognized their achievement with an official resolution.



In 2006, the Grenada Center expanded as the library moved into a new building twice the size of the original. It was later dedicated to former Grenada Vice President Jack Holmes in 2014.



Dr. Jim Haffey, Joe Adams and Dr. Don Burnham stand in front of the newly-dedicated Student Union

In 2009, Ridgeland's technology building was renovated into the Student Union with a bookstore and nursing classrooms and later dedicated to former Vice President Joe Adams.



# Building Momentum (2015-2025)

## "A Decade of Innovation and Progress"



In 2016, Holmes held a ribbon-cutting and open house for The Attala Center located on West Jefferson Street in Kosciusko. The new facility replaced the former Holmes Attala Center on Highway 12 near Baptist Medical Center.



In 2024, Holmes became the first institution in Mississippi and only the third in the nation to offer the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Information Infrastructure Pre-Apprenticeship program, a 4-week, paid, hands-on training experience preparing participants for high-demand careers in information infrastructure.



Holmes marked the start of construction on a new Allied Health Facility on the Ridgeland Campus with a ceremony on June 19, 2025. The project will expand space for nursing, the occupational therapy assistant program and the surgical technology program while also serving the community.



In the past 10 years, Holmes has expanded facilities across campuses, including a new athletic facility and weight room in Goodman, a new courtyard on the Ridgeland Campus and walking trails, pavilions and an arboretum in Grenada. Career-Technical Education has expanded to include massage therapy, health care assistant and culinary arts/hospitality programs, as well.



During this era, Holmes students excelled in academics, arts and athletics. The Holmes Cheerleaders placed fifth in the Open Coed Junior and Community College Division at the UCA College Cheerleading National Championship at Walt Disney World in 2015, followed by seventh in 2016 and sixth in 2017. The Holme-Towne Players drama club earned first runner-up in the Children's Division at the Mississippi Theatre Association Statewide Theatre Festival. Holmes' Phi Theta Kappa chapters garnered multiple regional and national honors, including Top 100 Most Distinguished Chapter recognition, while SkillsUSA students earned state and national accolades, including a third-place national finish in the Opening and Closing Team competition and Leah Rainey's second-place national finish in Prepared Speech.



Derrick Rainey poses with his daughter, Leah, after she placed 2nd in the nation at SkillsUSA.



In 2016, the Holmes Bulldogs football team won its first NJCAA bowl championship with a 28-21 victory in the Graphic Edge Bowl.



The Lady Bulldogs soccer team made history by reaching the NJCAA Gulf South District Championship in 2019 and later won the MACCC title in 2022-23, finishing as national runner-up.



# We Asked, They Answered

The Holmes community shares highlights, memories & moments from 2025-26

## William Hobson

"My Holmes experience in three words would be fulfilling, enriching and exciting. My proudest moment was creating a video with first-generation college students and faculty, which reached so many in the community. It felt like I was doing something that was much bigger than myself."



## Ariyah Watts

"Ridge Days were the highlight of my time here so far, and my favorite place on campus is the Student Union. My favorite class was Personal & Community Health. I like learning ways to maintain your health. One thing I wish I knew before starting college is don't take an 8 a.m. class."



## Jack Hood

"While I enjoy hanging out with my buddies, my favorite place on campus is my room. I wish I knew how much my sleep schedule would change. My proudest moment is achieving good grades and my favorite class is welding, which is also my only class. I would put a good John Wayne Casserole in my time capsule."



## Sarah Noah

"I would say Spring Fling or Stem Fest were the highlights of my time at Holmes. I enjoy the deli area and I wish I had known about how different college would be."



## Gregory Davis

"The 2025 Spring Fling is my favorite memory here so far. My proudest moment was making all A's on my American History II tests and my favorite class was Intermediate Algebra with Mr. Rost, which is crazy because I don't like math. If a movie were made about my life here, it would be called 'One Thing Led to Another.'"



## Kaden Patterson

"My favorite highlight of Holmes so far will have to be Homecoming. It was my first-ever college Homecoming and was filled with joy, laughter and good food. My proudest moment is that I became the SSS-MOSAIC vice president, and I'd describe my Holmes experience as full of leadership, quality and diversity."



## Jayney Ferguson

"Something I wish I knew before college is that staying on top of your work is key in college. My proudest moment is getting on the President's List, and I'd put my Homecoming campaign sign in my time capsule."



## McCalip May

"An 8 a.m. college class is not the same as an 8 a.m. high school class. I wish I knew that before college. I really enjoyed my math class, mostly because Mrs. Blue is just a great teacher. My movie would be called 'The Chronicles of Caffeine and Deadlines.'"

## Aby Glazier

"My favorite memory so far is going on walks with my friends around the lake! It's so beautiful and peaceful in the spring. My favorite class was Creative Writing, which has allowed me to think about literature in a completely new way."



## Jada Clay

"My proudest moment at Holmes was being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. My favorite class was Accounting taught by Mr. Pitts because I enjoyed doing the work and he made the class enjoyable. I wish I knew how to plan out things better before college."





### Ivrianna Stewart

The highlight at Holmes has been meeting new people and making memories. Biology has been my favorite class because I love science and Mrs. Jobe is amazing! My proudest moment at Holmes is passing all my classes, and one thing I'd put in a time capsule is the art I've made.



### Joshua Stokes

The highlight of my time here has been the soul food. My proudest moment was passing my classes, and my favorite class was English because of Dr. Stacey Coulter. A movie made about my life at Holmes would be called "At Holmes on 'Friday'". Good, funny, and lovely are the three words I'd use to describe my Holmes experience.



### Jennifer McGehee

"The most rewarding part of working at Holmes is seeing my students' success and being a part of their journey. Students are always changing, and as I get older, I feel like my students keep me young; they always keep me on my toes, learning new skills and teaching me new things. Like my STEM Club teaching me how to use GroupMe.



### Charles Wood

"The most rewarding part is giving students the opportunity to understand history and examine how it has shaped the world in which we live. A desire to help people learn history and become better individuals is what inspired me to work in education. My proudest moment is that every day that I get the opportunity to discuss and lecture my students about history.



### Kay Kelly

"I hope students leave my class understanding that history is relevant. It applies to every aspect of life. We are someone's history. Some started with a big fear of history; now they seem to love it. My proudest moment is coaching the men's golf team and watching the light come on in students' eyes. There is truly 'No Place like Holmes.' It's just a special place with special people."

### Corianna Benson

My movie about Holmes would be called "Barely Breathing: Nursing School Edition." My favorite memory was taking people's blood pressure during Homecoming. My favorite class was Body Structure with Dr. Sutton. She made it easy and funny ways to remember.



### Tammie Mack

"One lesson I often tell students is to never measure their life journey by the next person because everyone's pathway is different; some people finish with no adversities, some people have to climb mountains and some people go through valleys. In my opinion, what matters the most is that you make it to the finish line successfully. The library staff have seen students become focused, mature and serious about their education."



### Jake Hood

"Getting to know the people I work with and watching students expand their comfort zones in their coursework is the most rewarding part of working here. One lesson I hope students take with them after leaving my class is that you can do difficult things! Something unique about Holmes is the connections that people make here-I love being a part of it.



### Elizabeth Shelby

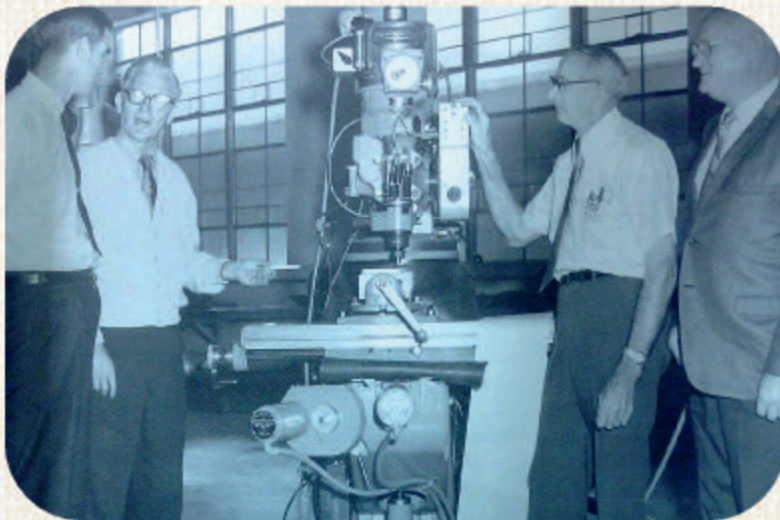
"The most rewarding part of working at Holmes is making a meaningful impact on students' lives and seeing them succeed even years after graduation. I encourage students to never give up, ask questions and recognize that everyone has unique gifts. Over time, I've watched students morph from new freshmen into seasoned students who can navigate college on their own."





# Campus News





Instructors Wayne Taylor, R.C. Mason, Boyd Moss and Vernon Hathcock control a new automotive milling machine in 1972.



CTE faculty and staff members Dr. Lakesia Sutton, Christin Boyette, Shea Coleman, Erica Fitzhugh, Jovonna Parker, Jessica Leverette and Allison DeWeese gather for a photo at the Allied Health Building groundbreaking ceremony in 2025.



# Leadership & Legacy

Innovative programs, strategic partnerships and campus expansion define  
Dr. Jim Haffey's impact on Holmes Community College



Dr. Jim Haffey has served as president of Holmes Community College since Sept. 10, 2014, becoming the ninth president in the institution's history. Following the leadership of Dr. Glenn Boyce, Dr. Haffey made history as the youngest president in the Mississippi Community College system at age 37. An Ebenezer native, he joined Holmes in 2003 as workforce development coordinator and WIA director and later served as director of financial aid and vice president of the Grenada Campus before being named president.

Under Dr. Haffey's leadership, Holmes has experienced significant growth and modernization. New facilities have been constructed across all campuses, including the D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center in Ridgeland and a new \$8.5 million facility on the Grenada Campus. During his first year as president, Holmes acquired new sites and properties including the Yazoo County Economic Development and Educational Center in Yazoo City and the Attala Center which opened in 2015. The Ridgeland Campus also expanded with the acquisition of a 25,000-square-foot building and additional Interstate 55 frontage.

Holmes has continued to embrace technology and innovation by adding new programs and expanding partnerships with local businesses, four-year universities and national organizations. Milestones include becoming the

first community college in the nation to offer PSY 2543 Applied Behavior Analysis in 2017, launching a training partnership with Ingalls Shipbuilding in 2018 and introducing Mississippi's first Amazon Web Services Information Infrastructure Pre-Apprenticeship program in 2024.

Construction is underway for a new Allied Health Facility on the Ridgeland Campus which broke ground on June 19, 2025. The facility will house the Associate Degree Nursing Practical Nursing Occupational Therapy Assistant and Surgical Technology programs and will feature a multipurpose space with banquet seating for 350 and lecture-style seating for 530 allowing the college to host larger campus and community events. Its location along Interstate 55 will further enhance the college's visibility.

Additional growth includes Bulldog Ranch, a 1,100-acre property that allows Holmes to offer hands-on agricultural electives and serves as the home of the Electrical Linemen program. Campus renovations and athletic facility improvements have also taken place across all locations.

Dr. Haffey and his wife, Rae Anne, have two children; Hayley and Hudson. Rae Anne is a pharmacist and owner of Howell & Heggie Drug Company in Durant. Hayley is a Holmes graduate and pharmacy student at the University of Mississippi, while Hudson is an engineering major at Mississippi State University and was also a standout student at Holmes. Dr. Haffey enjoys hunting, golfing, snow skiing, traveling and supporting the Bulldogs (Holmes and Mississippi State).



Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey and his wife, Rae Anne, smile for a photo at Homecoming 2025, which was also a celebration of the college's centennial.





(left) On Oct. 9, 2025, the Holmes Ridgeland Campus was honored to welcome Mississippi State University President Dr. Mark Keenum to campus. Dr. Haffey gladly accepted a cowbell from Dr. Keenum during the visit.

(right) Dr. Jim Haffey is always quick to say how thankful he is for his family. He is pictured here with (left to right) his son, Hudson; his wife, Rae Anne, and his daughter, Hayley.



(left) Guided by faith and grounded in family—values that continue to shape Dr. Jim Haffey's leadership. He is pictured here on Easter Sunday with his wife, Rae Anne; his daughter, Hayley, and his son, Hudson.

(top right) Dr. Jim Haffey shares a few remarks with the college's faculty and staff at the Back-to-School Meeting in Goodman on Aug. 11, 2025.

(bottom right) On Nov. 5, 2025, Dr. Jim Haffey, alongside other Holmes representatives, met with William Carey University's president, Dr. Ben Burnett, and Vice President of the Tradition Campus, Ladd Taylor, to explore potential partnership opportunities that could benefit Holmes students and enhance future academic pathways. Pictured are (left to right) Taylor, Dr. Burnett, Dr. Haffey, Dr. Jenny Jones, Dr. Tonya Lawrence and Dr. Teresa Mackey.



# Progress in Motion

Milestones that matter as the Bulldogs build on a strong foundation



## A New Era for the Bulldogs: Renovations and Rebranding

When Holmes Community College basketball fans returned to Frank B. Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus in November 2025, they hardly recognized the facility, which had been transformed into a modern arena unlike any in its history.

Branch Coliseum originally opened in 1973 when Frank Branch served as president of the college, Bill Waller was governor and William Winter was lieutenant governor. Brumfield and Craig served as architects, and W.G. Yates and Sons Construction Company served as the contractor. Over the years, Holmes dedicated resources to enhance the facility, transforming the front entry to highlight outstanding athletic alumni in the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame, renovating locker

rooms and updating lighting and sound systems. However, the 2025 renovation marked the most extensive commitment to the playing arena to date.

Construction began the week after graduation in May 2025, with JH&H Architects Planners Interiors PA as the architect and Pike Construction of Mississippi as the general contractor. The infrastructure improvements included new ceiling grids, upgraded electrical systems and a new roof. To modernize the equipment, four new motorized practice goals were installed alongside new rolling goals for games. Technology also saw a significant boost with a new video board on the north end and a complete sound system overhaul. Finally, Covington Floors of Tennessee installed a brand-new wood playing surface from the concrete base up, finished with a fresh court design.

On Oct. 16, 2025, Holmes proudly held an open house prior to the football game against Itawamba Community College, showing off the facilities and celebrating a century of Bulldog pride.



## Fresh Branding for a New Century

Holmes may be 100 years old, but this dog still has new tricks. To complement these physical upgrades, the Department of Marketing and Recruiting launched a new in-house athletic brand created by multimedia specialist Stephanie Wood. The custom-designed logo features a more aggressive, angular bulldog with a modern "meaner" expression, fulfilling years of coach and player feedback. This rebranding—which includes a custom typeface, new word marks and a streamlined color palette—completes a five-year overhaul, ensuring the Bulldogs' appearance is as sharp and modern as their renovated home court. The new appearance complements the numerous renovations and upgrades to Holmes' athletic facilities at the Goodman and Ridgeland campuses.





## Serving Up New Careers

During the 2025-26 school year, Holmes Community College launched a Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology program on the Ridgeland Campus.

Building on the college's Culinary Arts Technology program, the new program prepares students for careers in hospitality and tourism, including leadership roles in hotels, resorts and restaurants.

Students gain hands-on experience in food preparation, hotel and restaurant operations, and hospitality management. They also have opportunities to earn the ServSafe Manager certification and the Restaurant Management Professional credential.

Instructor Alexei Harrison said the program offers electives in baking and pastry, advanced culinary and hospitality to meet student and industry needs. Lori Morrison also teaches Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry courses, giving students additional opportunities to enhance their skills. CTE Vice President Dr. Amy Whittington praised the program as a world-class experience that prepares graduates for leadership roles in the growing hospitality industry. With Mississippi's restaurant and hospitality sector continuing to expand, Holmes graduates are positioned to build successful careers in the field.



## Building Dreams from the Ground Up

Holmes held a groundbreaking on June 19, 2025, for its new \$20 million Allied Health Facility on the Ridgeland Campus. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, board members, contractors, architects, state legislators and community representatives attended the event.

Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey called the project a milestone for the college and region. "Thousands of wide-eyed, optimistic students will walk into this building. They'll encounter tough, but caring instructors, and they'll walk out ready to take on the healthcare jobs of the future," he said.



Located in front of the Holmes Fitness Center along I-55, the facility will house classrooms and offices for practical nursing, associate degree nursing, surgical technology and occupational therapy assistant programs. A multipurpose space will seat 350 banquet-style or 530 lecture-style, providing a new venue for community events. The design and construction team includes Thrash Commercial Contractors, JH&H Architects Planners Interiors, Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC and Smithers Engineers + Consultants. The facility is expected to be completed during the 2026-27 school year.



# Humanities Teacher of the Year

## Dr. Amber Mabus



Dr. Amber Mabus, chair of the English and Foreign Language Division, was named the 2026 Holmes Community College Humanities Teacher of the Year. The Humanities Teacher Award is presented by the Mississippi Humanities Council to recognize excellence in teaching and contributions to the humanities in higher education. Dr. Mabus teaches on the Holmes Grenada Campus.

Dr. Mabus has served Holmes for 11 years as an English instructor and has spent the past nine years as division chair. She teaches English composition and literature and provides academic leadership through curriculum development and instructional support.

She was formally recognized during the Mississippi Humanities Council's Spring Humanities Gala in Jackson. Dr. Mabus gave a presentation, "From Austen to Bridgerton: The Enduring Appeal of Regency Romance in Popular Culture," on March 3 in the Corey Forum on the

Grenada Campus. She discussed how Jane Austen's stories continue to resonate with modern audiences through the popularity of Regency-era romance in books, television and film.

"Dr. Mabus exemplifies the very best of humanities education at Holmes Community College," said Dr. Tina Garrett. "Her commitment to teaching excellence and student success makes a lasting impact on the Grenada Campus."

Dr. Mabus earned a Doctor of Arts in English pedagogy from Murray State University. Her capstone project focused on helping students use artificial intelligence ethically in the research process. She holds a Master of Education and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Delta State University and an associate degree from Holmes. Prior to joining Holmes full time, she taught English at Grenada High School.

Dr. Mabus is a member of Providence Baptist Church in Gore Springs, where she serves as worship leader and teaches Sunday School. She is also active in the Kirk Academy PTA and Junior Auxiliary of Grenada.

Her honors include the Ovid Vickers Award for Excellence in the Teaching of English from the Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi. In 2025, she was elected to a three-year term on the Regional Executive Committee of the Two-Year College English Association of the Southeast.

Dr. Mabus and her husband, Jack, have one daughter, Isla.





Humanities Teacher of the Year Dr. Amber Mabus presents, "From Austen to Bridgerton: The Enduring Appeal of Regency Romance in Popular Culture," on March 3 on the Grenada Campus.



Humanities Teacher of the Year Dr. Amber Mabus smiles for a photo with her biggest supporters.



Humanities Teacher of the Year Dr. Amber Mabus accepts her certificate of recognition from Rei Lott of the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Humanities Teacher of the Year Dr. Amber Mabus poses with her "Time for Tea" table, offered as part of her Humanities Presentation.





# A Life of Learning and Service

Shelton Award recipient J.R. Hall's decades-long commitment to education, faith and community at Holmes



John Robert Hall, known professionally as J.R., has devoted more than three decades to education, ministry and public service. His career reflects a unique blend of classroom instruction, church leadership and community engagement across Mississippi.

Hall is the 2025 recipient of the Shelton Award, which honors employees from the Goodman or Ridgeland campus who go above and beyond in their dedication to the college, students and community service.

He began teaching as an adjunct at Holmes Community College in 1990 while serving full time as a United Methodist minister. That unlikely start grew into a long academic career spanning 22 years as a Holmes instructor and nine years as an adjunct. Hall teaches history and religion courses on the Goodman and Ridgeland campuses, as well as online. During his tenure, he received the Lamplighter Award in 2013 and the Humanities Award in 2020. Influential colleagues included Academic Dean Luther Bogan and History Department Chair Sam Brown.

Throughout his career, Hall has witnessed major changes in higher

education, from paper-based advising and scheduling to digital systems and technology-driven classrooms. While instructional tools have evolved from chalkboards to multimedia presentations, Hall said meaningful instructor-student interaction remains central to his teaching.

Many of his former students have gone on to careers in fields such as nursing and law, while others have continued religious studies through Bible courses or seminary education.

"Don't think of the ancient and medieval world as boring," Hall said. "They did more with what little they had than we do with all we have today."

Hall was reared in Copiah County and earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Divinity degree from Oral Roberts University. He completed additional studies at Mississippi State University, Mississippi College and Spring Hill College.

Ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church, Hall served

multiple charges across the state and retired from ministry in 2024 after 38 years of service. He continues to serve the Mississippi Annual Conference as chair of the Petitions and Resolutions Committee.

At Holmes, Hall coordinated the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant for the McMorrough Library, represented the college at statewide curriculum meetings and helped organize arts and professional development programs, including educational trips to historic sites across Mississippi and Louisiana.

"Life involves more than a skill or a job," Hall said. "We are part of communities, and we need to find a place where we can contribute. That is what I have found at Holmes." Beyond the classroom, Hall has served as a football spotter for 14 years,

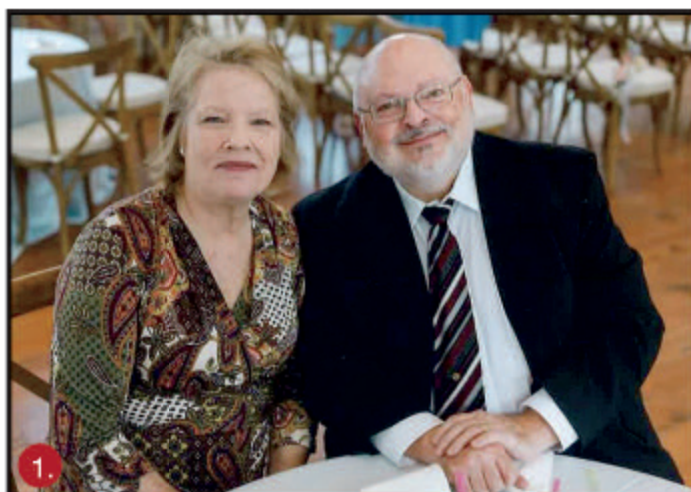


J.R. Hall, the 2025 Shelton Award recipient, reflects a career rooted in teaching, faith and community service at Holmes Community College.



assisted with game operations and announcing and supported Holmes softball. He also serves as a public address announcer for Ridgeland High School and Millsaps College and teaches continuing education courses for the Mississippi Annual Conference.

Hall is married to Dawn Trotti Hall. They have two daughters, Audrey and Madeline (Brett). The Hall family has been longtime residents of Ridgeland and attends Parkway Hills United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Hall enjoys reading, particularly "Dune" by Frank Herbert, and studying historical figures such as Martin Luther and Constantine.



1. Pictured are J.R. Hall and his wife, Dawn Trotti Hall.

2. Shannon Warnock of the Mississippi Humanities Council congratulates J.R. Hall following his "Amazing Grace" lecture. Hall was honored as the 2019-2020 Holmes Humanities Teacher of the Year.

3. J.R. Hall gives the invocation for one of Holmes' Convocations; one of the many times he has opened a Holmes event in prayer.

4. History/political science instructor Kay Kelly and J.R. Hall encourage Holmes students to register to vote! (They succeeded...92 students registered to vote because of the drive!).

5. (left to right) J.R. Hall, Breck Riley and Josh West attend the second annual Mississippi Sportscasters Kickoff Gathering at French Camp in 2024, bringing together longtime voices of Mississippi sports.





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# Student Honors





Phi Theta Kappa students pose for their yearbook photo in 1982.



Goodman Campus Phi Theta Kappa officer Kazzye Wood takes the podium to help lead the PTK induction ceremony on Feb. 26, 2026.



# Hall of Fame



**Diana Garcia** of Kosciusko, daughter of Hermelinda and Jose Garcia, is a pre-radiological sciences major who has served as MOSAIC community service chairperson. She is also active on campus as a Holmes Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member, Student Government Association member and MOSAIC tutor, as well. She is known for volunteering her time to assist non-English speakers by translating medical appointments and important documents. Upon graduation, Garcia plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center's radiology program.



**Maeson Jolley** of Sallis, son of Donna and Robbie Jolley, is a pre-radiologic sciences major. He has earned both President's List and Dean's List honors. Jolley serves as Baptist Student Union president, a Holmes Ambassador and as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa leadership team. Active in church service and community outreach, Jolley plans to continue his education in radiologic technology before specializing in nuclear medicine.

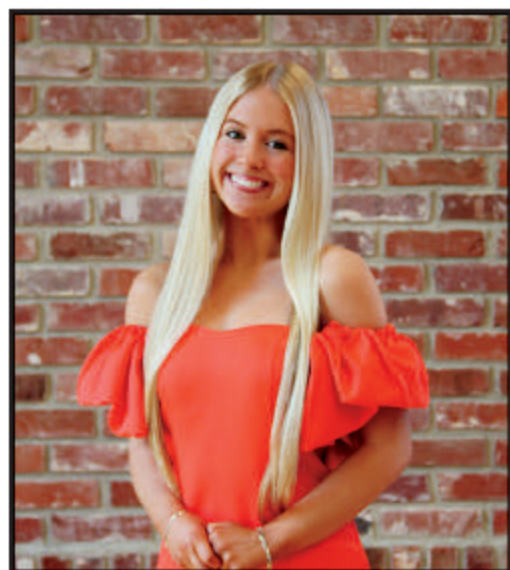


**Makayla Kast** of Kosciusko, daughter of Amber Kast and Terry Swan, is a mechanical engineering major. She has earned President's List recognition and is a W&M Thomas STEM Scholarship recipient. Kast is involved in Holmes Plus, MOSAIC and Phi Theta Kappa and serves as a STEM and math tutor. She plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to complete her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.



# Goodman Campus

**Jayden Neal** of Pearl, daughter of Jamie and Micheal Neal, is a pre-nursing major. She has earned President's List honors and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Neal also serves as captain of the Holmes Dazzlers dance team and is active in Baptist Student Union. Her community involvement includes volunteering at food drives, participating in school spirit events and supporting Holmes athletics. Neal plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and later become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.



**Lawson Nichols** of Benton, son of Reann Nichols, is a secondary education English major. He has earned President's List honors and serves as Phi Theta Kappa vice president of campus projects. A member of the Holmes cheer team, Nichols was named Most Valuable Freshman and has participated in numerous service activities through cheer and research initiatives focused on student mental wellness. Nichols plans to attend Northwestern State University to complete his degree and continue cheerleading before pursuing a master's degree in educational administration.



**Lennie Kate Wood** of Winona, daughter of Laura and Ryan Wood, is a pre-med biological sciences major who has earned recognition as a member of the NJCAA Academic Team and the MACCC Academic All-State Team. A member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Holmes softball team, she is actively engaged in community service through youth softball camps and local disaster relief efforts. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi to pursue a degree in biological medical sciences before continuing on to medical school.





# Hall of Fame



**Anthony Angel Agustin-Salvador** of Canton, son of Adela Salvador Orozco and Oscar Agustin Jimenez, is a pre-law major at Holmes Community College. During his time at Holmes, he has been recognized for his academic achievement as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and as a recipient of the President's List Scholarship during both his freshman and sophomore years. He also earned President's List honors during both years. Agustin-Salvador plans to transfer to a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree before attending law school in Georgia. He aspires to become an immigration lawyer, with the goal of serving his community through advocacy and legal support.



**Mary Crawford Canard** of Madison, daughter of Laura Coleman Canard and Richard Peyton Canard, is an English writing major at Holmes. Her academic achievements include membership in Phi Theta Kappa honor society, President's List honors and an ACT Scholarship. Canard plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to continue her studies in English writing. She is currently working on a novel and aspires to build a career in publishing, with the long-term goal of opening her own publishing house in Mississippi.



**Alisha Grace Davis** of Flora, daughter of Lisa Renee Bryant and Tim Davis, is a pre-physician assistant major. She plans to transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi to pursue a degree in sports medicine with a minor in chemistry with the goal of becoming a physician assistant. Davis currently works as an emergency room technician at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and is interested in emergency medicine and orthopedics. While at Holmes, she has been active as an Ambassador, vice president of Student Government Association, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and of the Content Creators Club. She has earned President's List honors, a STEMMY Award and recognition as STAR Student of the Semester in Dr. Gates' Medical Terminology course. Davis was also voted 2025 Ridgeland Campus Student Body Maid. She credits her Holmes experience with strengthening her academic confidence, leadership skills and commitment to empathy and service.

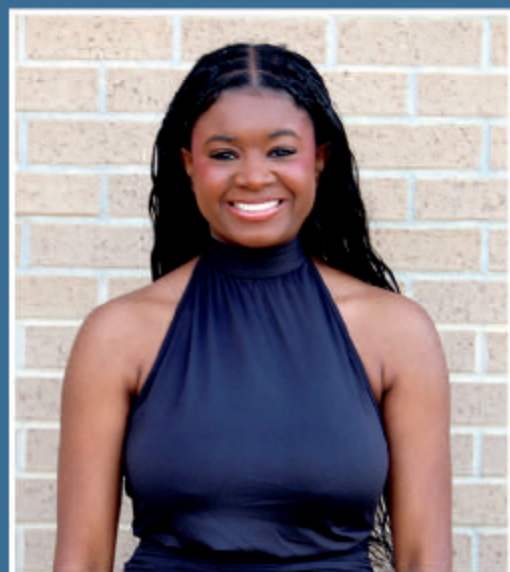


# Ridgeland Campus

**Ashlyn Dodd** of Flowood, daughter of Shannon and Matthew Dodd, is a pre-med major at Holmes. She plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry before applying to medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. During her time at Holmes, Dodd has been recognized for her academic achievement as a President's Scholarship recipient and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, where she serves as president. She has also earned President's List honors and received a STEM Award. In addition to her academic honors, Dodd serves as president of the Student Government Association and is a Holmes Ambassador. She is also a member of the Content Creators Club and was voted Sophomore Maid for Homecoming 2025.



**Kelsey Hall** of Jackson, daughter of Annette and Fred Hall, is a general studies major. After Holmes, Hall plans to pursue a career in digital media marketing and social content creation, combining creativity and strategy to build brands and engage audiences. She credits her time at Holmes with strengthening her resilience, communication and teamwork skills. During her freshman year, Hall was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and earned President's List honors. She continued her involvement in Phi Theta Kappa as a sophomore and was again named to the President's List. Hall also serves as an Ambassador and member of the Content Creator's Club.



**Jrace L. Jamison** of Madison, daughter of Lavetta and Jeffery Jamison, is a criminal justice major. Jamison plans to transfer to a Texas university while continuing a federal internship in Austin. Her long-term goal is a career in federal law enforcement, grounded in integrity, faith, service and mentorship. During her freshman year, Jamison was selected for a federal internship with the U.S. Secret Service and completed her freshman year at Mississippi College.





# Hall of Fame



**Anna Beth Korhonen** of Foley, Alabama, is the daughter of Krystal and Chris Korhonen. A kinesiology/exercise science major, she plans to attend McNeese State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in kinesiology while continuing her soccer career. During her time at Holmes, Korhonen was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, earned both President's List and Dean's List honors and competed as an outside back for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team, making an impact as a sophomore student-athlete.



**Emma Korhonen** of Foley, Alabama, is the daughter of Krystal and Chris Korhonen. A pre-civil engineering major, she plans to transfer to McNeese State University to pursue a degree in civil engineering and continue her soccer career after signing with the university's soccer team. During her time at Holmes, Korhonen was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, earned President's List honors and competed as a forward for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team.



**Mika Maehata** of Jackson is the daughter of Nami and Kousaku and Maehata. A biological engineering major, she plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering while participating in the Thrive in Five program toward earning a master's degree in biomedical engineering. During her time at Holmes, Maehata earned President's List honors and was recognized with the Board of Trustees ACT Scholarship and STEM Award. She is also a member and officer of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and a member of the Student Government Association.



# Ridgeland Campus

**Brooklin Latina Potee** of Ridgeland is the daughter of Akilah and Torry Potee. An occupational therapy assistant major, she plans to begin her career as an Occupational Therapy Assistant before pursuing a doctoral degree in occupational therapy, with the goal of improving quality of life for others. During her time at Holmes, Potee was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and earned both President's List and Dean's List honors.



**Tyler Grace Sims** of Brandon is the daughter of Kim and Shane Sims. A kinesiology/exercise science major, she plans to transfer to a four-year university to continue her soccer career while pursuing studies toward becoming an occupational therapist, with a desire to work with children. During her time at Holmes, Sims was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, earned President's List honors and served as captain of the women's soccer team. She was also recognized as a MACCC All-Conference First Team selection, NJCAA All-Tournament Team member, United Soccer Coaches All-Region honoree and First Team All-American, while helping lead the Lady Bulldogs to a MACCC Conference Championship.



**Alyssa Joanne Vancor** of Flowood is the daughter of Jennifer and William Vancor. A pre-medical major, she plans to attend a four-year university and later apply to medical school while continuing her collegiate soccer career. During her time at Holmes, Vancor was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, earned President's List honors and was recognized as a MACCC All-Conference selection in women's soccer. She is also a recipient of the President's ACT Scholarship, Women's Soccer Athletic Scholarship and Eagle Express Federal Credit Union Scholarship.





# Hall of Fame



**Christopher Michael Beach** of Duck Hill is a history major on the Grenada Campus. During his time at Holmes, he earned President's List honors and was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Baptist Student Union. He was elected as Mr. Holmes Grenada, as well. Upon graduation, Beach plans to either transfer to the University of Mississippi or join the National Guard.



**Sara Cochran** of Scobey is a pre-radiology major at Holmes. She has earned Dean's List honors and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Following graduation, Cochran plans to transfer to complete her degree in radiology or radiologic technology.



# Grenada Campus

**Lexi McClain** of Vaiden is a pre-medicine major at Holmes. She has earned the Dean's Scholarship and President's List honors and was selected as Student Body Maid. She was also elected Miss Holmes Grenada. McClain has served as president of the Student Government Association and president of Phi Theta Kappa. She is also a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Content Creators Club and has served as a Holmes Ambassador. After Holmes, McClain plans to attend Mississippi State University before applying to medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she hopes to pursue a career in orthopedic surgery.



**Madeline Branch** of Winona is a dietetics and nutrition major at Holmes Community College. She has earned both Dean's List and President's honors and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. After graduating from Holmes, Branch plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to continue her studies.





# Hall of Fame 2026



**Grenada Campus**



**Ridgeland Campus**



# Hall of Fame 2026



## Goodman Campus

1. Pictured are the 2026 Grenada Campus Hall of Fame recipients. They are *(left to right)* Lexi McClain, Christopher Michael Beach and Sara Cochran. Not pictured: Madeline Branch.

2. Pictured are the 2026 Ridgeland Campus Hall of Fame inductees. They are *(front row, left to right)* Jrace L. Jamison, Mika Maehata, Ashlyn Dodd, Anthony Angel Agustin-Salvador, Kelsey Hall, Emma Korhonen, *(back row, left to right)* Brooklin Latina Potee, Anna Beth Korhonen, Tyler Grace Sims, Alyssa Joanne Vancor, Alisha Grace Davis and Mary Crawford Canard.

Pictured are the 2026 Goodman Campus Hall of Fame inductees. They are *(front row, left to right)* Diana Garcia, Jayden Neal, Makayla Kast, Lennie Kate Wood, *(back row, left to right)* Maeson Jolley and Lawson Nichols.



# Mr. & Miss Holmes Goodman

## Cameron Armstrong & Lennie Kate Wood



**Cameron Armstrong** of Flowood, the son of Krupa and Cario Armstrong, is a biological science (pre-med) major at the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus. A President's List scholar, he is involved in Connection! and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi to become an orthopedic surgeon.



**Lennie Kate Wood** of Winona, the daughter of Laura and Ryan Wood, is a biological sciences (pre-med) major. She has been recognized as a member of the NJCAA Academic Team and the MACCC Academic All-State Team. Wood is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Holmes softball team and is actively involved in community service through youth softball camps and local disaster relief efforts. She was also inducted into the Holmes Hall of Fame. After Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi to pursue a degree in biological medical sciences before continuing on to medical school.





**Diana Garcia of Kosciusko**



**Laiya Harmon of Kosciusko**



**Lillie Kate Jones of Winona**



**Lawson Nichols of Benton**



**Harley Grace Rayburn of West**



**Caden Smith of Ackerman**



**Alli Sparks of Kosciusko**



**Hannah Karol Stanley of Winona**



# Mr. & Miss Holmes Ridgeland

## Jacob Roberts & Ashlyn Dodd



**Jacob Roberts** of Brandon, son of Chryste and Chris Roberts, is a business administration major at Holmes Community College. After Holmes, he plans to attend Mississippi State University with the goal of becoming a business owner. Roberts has earned recognition for his academic achievements as a member of the President's List and as a recipient of the ACT Scholarship. He was also inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Roberts is a member of the Holmes Bulldogs men's soccer team.



**Ashlyn Dodd** of Flowood, the daughter of Shannon and Matthew Dodd, is a premed major. She plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry before applying to medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. During her time at Holmes, Dodd has been recognized for her academic achievements as a President's Scholarship recipient and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, where she serves as president. She has also earned President's List honors, received a STEM Award and was inducted into the Holmes Hall of Fame. In addition to her academic accomplishments, Dodd serves as president of the Student Government Association and as a Holmes Ambassador. She is also a member of the Content Creators Club and was voted Sophomore Maid.





**Vivian Collins of Madison**



**Alisha Davis of Flora**



**Houston Griggs of Pearl**



**Kelsey Hall of Jackson**



**Paxton McGee of Brandon**



**Seth Murphy of Brandon**



**Sydney Neely of Flowood**



**Gregory Windham of Madison**



# Mr. & Miss Holmes Grenada

## Christopher Michael Beach & Lexi McClain



### **Christopher Michael Beach**

of Duck Hill is a history major at Holmes Community College. During his time at Holmes, he earned President's List honors and was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Baptist Student Union. He was also inducted into the Holmes Hall of Fame. Upon graduation, Beach plans to either transfer to the University of Mississippi or join the National Guard.



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**Jeanna Caitlynn Bingham of Kilmichael**



**Reid Allen Blaylock of McCarley**



**William Wayne Hobson of Grenada**



**Jenna Claire Perry of Greenwood**



**Katie Grace Ray of Duck Hill**



**Le'James Pierre Townsend of Duck Hill**



**Charli Celeste Woods of Carrollton**



**Grenada Class Favorites**



# Phi Theta Kappa

## MS/LA Regionals

Holmes Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters earned numerous honors during the PTK Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Awards Gala held March 5–6 at Mississippi State University.

Students from the Ridgeland, Goodman and Grenada campuses were recognized for academic achievement, leadership and chapter projects. All three Holmes chapters earned Five Star Chapter status, the highest level of recognition in Phi Theta Kappa's Five Star Chapter Plan.

The Ridgeland Campus chapter received several honors, including first place in the region. Mika Maehata was named a New Century Scholar and also received the Golden Key Award. Advisors Lisa Anglin, Laura Canard and Stephanie Blue received Horizon Awards, and the chapter was recognized as a Distinguished Advisor Team. Ridgeland placed first in the Honors in Action competition and first in Theme 3. The chapter also placed fourth in the College Project competition.

The Goodman Campus chapter also earned Five Star status. Kazzye Wood received the Golden Key Award. Advisors Simonee Miller and Charles Wood were honored with Horizon Awards, and Wood also received the Paragon Award for New Advisor. Goodman placed eighth in Honors in Action and second in Theme 4.

The Grenada Campus chapter earned Five Star status and placed fifth in the region. Gabrielle Hopkins received the Horizon Award. Grenada placed third in Honors in Action and first in Theme 6.

Chapters competed by submitting their Honors in Action and College Project initiatives. The Honors in Action project is a research-based initiative in which students explore a theme and develop solutions that serve their communities. The College Project focuses on partnering with campus leadership to create initiatives that support the college's mission.

Holmes students traveled to Baltimore later in March (after yearbook publication) to compete at the national Phi Theta Kappa convention.





Pictured are Ridgeland Campus Phi Theta Kappa advisors and officers at Regionals. They are (front row, left to right) Ashlyn Dodd, Mika Maehata, (back row, left to right) Advisor Laura Canard, Advisor Stephanie Blue, Mary Canard, Advisor Lisa Anglin and Anna Box.



Pictured are Goodman Campus Phi Theta Kappa advisors and officers at Regionals. They are (left to right) Advisor Simonee Miller, Kazzie Wood, Lawson Nichols, Lindsie Winford and Advisor Charles Wood.



Pictured are Grenada Campus Phi Theta Kappa advisors and officers at Regionals. They are (left to right) Advisor Gabrielle Hopkins, Katie Grace Ray, Lexi McClain and Advisor Haley DeNoon.



# Scholar Spotlight:

## Maehata named to All-USA Academic Team, selected as New Century Transfer Scholar



**Mika Maehata** of Jackson, daughter of Nami and Kousaku Maehata, has been named a member of the prestigious 2026 All-USA Academic Team and selected as a 2026 New Century Transfer Scholar, earning a combined \$5,750 in scholarships.

Maehata was selected to the All-USA Academic Team from more than 2,300 nominees nationwide and will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. She also was named Mississippi's 2026 New Century Transfer Scholar and will receive a \$2,750 scholarship. Only one New Century Transfer Scholar is selected from each state.

A biological engineering major on the Ridgeland Campus, Maehata plans to transfer to Mississippi State University. At MSU, she will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering while participating in the Thrive in Five program toward earning a master's degree in biomedical engineering.

Maehata was recognized for her academic achievement, leadership and campus and community engagement. During her time at Holmes, she has earned President's List honors and received the Board of Trustees ACT Scholarship and STEM Award. She serves as an officer of the college's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, as well, and was inducted into the 2026 Holmes Hall of

Fame.

The All-USA Academic Team is among the nation's premier academic honors for students pursuing an associate degree. Each college may nominate two students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and citizenship, as well as a commitment to using their community college experience to better themselves and their communities. Maehata will be recognized during the American Association of Community Colleges annual convention in Seattle in April.

"The All-USA program is a prestigious recognition of a student's exceptional abilities both in and outside of the classroom," Amanda Karpinski-Gorman, director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation, said. "These students are selected for their resilience, creativity and ingenuity in tackling global and local challenges. We are incredibly proud of the individuals named to the 2026 team and eagerly anticipate the continued impact they will make."

New Century Transfer Scholars are selected based on academic accomplishments, leadership, activities and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. The program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa.

"We congratulate Mika for receiving this prestigious scholarship, and we are honored to partner with the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and The Coca-Cola Foundation to recognize these outstanding achievements," said Phi Theta Kappa President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner. "Scholarship programs like this are integral for creating opportunities for two-year college students to succeed and for putting college completion within reach."

Maehata will be recognized as a New Century Transfer Scholar at Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, in Baltimore, Maryland, March 26-28.



# Bulldogs in Harmony:

Holmes Concert Chorale members participate in the prestigious Southern Invitational Choral Conference



Pictured are (front row, left to right) Owen Clark, freshman; Dr. Drew Trautman, director; Daniela Lewis, sophomore; Tamara Haynes, sophomore; Jakeria Williams, sophomore; (back row, left to right) Edward Fletcher, III, sophomore; Colby Solomon, sophomore and Asher Walls, freshman.

A few members of the Holmes Community College Concert Chorale were selected to participate in the 22nd annual Southern Invitational Choral Conference held Sept. 15–16, 2025, on the Hattiesburg campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Drew Trautman, director of the Holmes Concert Chorale, accompanied seven students to the two-day choral clinic, where they joined talented singers from across Mississippi and the surrounding region.

More than 700 students gathered for the conference, which provided an opportunity for participants to learn from accomplished clinicians, hear outstanding choral performances and collaborate with fellow vocalists. Throughout the event, students worked together to prepare a full concert program, learning an entirely new repertoire in approximately nine hours of rehearsal spread across the two days. The singers then

performed the music for fellow conference participants and members of the Hattiesburg community.

During the conference, students sang under the direction of clinician Dr. Bret Peppo of Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California. Participants also had the unique opportunity to work extensively with Shawn Kirchner, a nationally recognized choral composer and arranger. Kirchner led rehearsals on both his own compositions and works by other composers, giving students valuable insight into the artistry and interpretation behind the music.

The experience not only challenged students musically but also allowed them to represent Holmes while connecting with other passionate singers from across the region.



# Creative Writing Competition

## Celebrating Student Storytellers



Pictured are Goodman Campus Creative Writing winners (left to right) Abigail Glazier, Ceketha Herndon, Pares Greenfield and Hannah Stanley. Not pictured: Mikayla Tew.

Storytelling took center stage this year as Holmes Community College students from multiple campuses were recognized for their talent in the annual Creative Writing Contest.

The competition highlighted student achievement in short story, poetry and literary analysis, giving writers the opportunity to share their work and develop their craft through professional-style evaluation.

College officials noted that submitting work for critique is an important step in growth as a writer, and participation reflects both creativity and courage. Entries were judged based on how they would be received by professionals in each genre.

Students from both the Goodman and Grenada campuses earned top honors.

Representing the Grenada Campus, John Patterson was recognized in the Short Story Fiction category for "The Woman with the Lizard Skin," while Ann Hall Adams earned top honors in Literary Analysis for "The Impact of a Christian Author On Beowulf."

On the Goodman Campus, students were honored across all three categories.

In short story, Mikayla Tew received first place for "Watercolor Eyes." Second place was awarded to Tew for "The Massacre of the Squirrels: A Parody of Cooper's 'The Slaughter of the Pigeons,'" and third place went to Pares Greenfield for "The Fallen One."

In poetry, Abigail Glazier earned first place for "A Whisper Over the Heart." Tew received second





Pictured are Grenada Campus Creative Writing winners (*left to right*) Ann Hall Adams and John Patterson.

place for "Life of Want," and Hannah Stanley received third place for "Letter from a Woman."

In literary essay, Abigail Glazier earned first place for "Willy's Decline in 'Death of a Salesman.'" Second place was awarded to Ceketha Herndon for "Phillis Wheatley vs. Thomas Jefferson," and third place went to Tew for "Paupers and Pennies: Humanizing Poverty in Victorian England."

First- and second-place winners were invited to

compete with student writers from across the state in the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest. Participants were also invited to attend the association's annual conference held at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia.

Through competitions like this, Holmes continues to encourage students to find their voice and share their stories.



# Parade of Beauties '26



Pictured are the Top Five in the 2026 Holmes Community College Parade of Beauties pageant. They are (left to right) Elizabeth Beard of French Camp, Tearshanae Mallett of Kosciusko, 2026 Most Beautiful Haylee Jones of Scobey, Allie Bates of Flora and Alli Sparks of Kosciusko.

Haylee Jones of Scobey was crowned Holmes Community College's Most Beautiful during the 2026 Parade of Beauties pageant held Feb. 24 in McDaniel Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. She was crowned by 2025 Most Beautiful Lillie Jones of Winona. In addition to winning Most Beautiful, Jones was also named 2026 Most Photogenic.

A student on the Grenada Campus, she is the daughter of Lisa and Michael Jones. A Business Management Technology major and graduate of Grenada High School, she is a young entrepreneur who dedicates much of her time to building and managing her boutique while balancing her academic responsibilities. Jones has extensive pageant experience and uses her platform, "Be the Change," to mentor young girls while promoting confidence, kindness and leadership. She enjoys volunteering in her community and spending time with family. She hopes to continue growing her business while inspiring others to make a difference through service.

In addition to Jones, the Top Five included Allie Bates of Flora, Elizabeth Beard of French Camp, Tearshanae Mallett of Kosciusko and Alli Sparks of Kosciusko. The Top 10 included Jones, Bates, Beard, Mallett, Sparks, Jrace Jamison of Madison, Abi McMichael of Clinton, Harley Grace Rayburn of West, Mattelyn Reed of Eupora and Alexia Strong of Grenada.

The pageant included interviews with judges earlier in the day and the evening gown competition. Tina Boyette, administrative assistant to the Goodman Campus vice president, directed the pageant with student activity directors Haley DeNoon and Jordan Heflin serving as assistant directors. Recruiter Nikki Boutwell served as Master of Ceremonies, with Houston Griggs and Gregory Windham escorting the contestants. Additionally, members of the Holmes Coachmen singers and Lauren Lindsey, a singer-songwriter from Kosciusko and freshman at Holmes, provided entertainment at intermission.





1. Haylee Jones smiles brightly as 2025 Most Beautiful Lillie Jones crowns her Most Beautiful 2026. Also pictured is Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood.

2. Contestant Group #1 returns to the stage for the judges to have one final look.

3. Pictured are the 2026 Parade of Beauties Top 10. They are (left to right) Harley Grace Rayburn, Jrace Jamison, Abigail McMichael, Elizabeth Beard, Tearshanae Mallett, Most Beautiful Haylee Jones, Allie Bates, Alli Sparks, Mattelyn Reed and Alexia Strong

4. Coachmen singers entertain the crowd during intermission.

5. Gregory Windham and Houston Griggs stand ready to escort the contestants on stage.

6. Contestant Group #2 poses as the judges have one final look.

7. (right) Master of Ceremonies Nikki Boutwell presents Haylee Jones with the award for Most Photogenic.

8. The contestants introduce themselves to kick off Parade of Beauties 2026.



# Graduation: Class of 2025

Evan Yates poses for a photo with his father, Director of Connection! and Coachmen Mike Yates, prior to serving as macebearer for the Goodman, Grenada and Attala ceremony.



Jonathan Thompson, macebearer for the Ridgeland Campus & Yazoo Center ceremony, poses for a photo with Dr. Teresa Mackey prior to Commencement.



## Graduation Honors Goodman & Grenada

Pictured are (left to right) Goodman Campus M.C. McDaniel Scholarship recipient Mason Harrell, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, Grenada Campus Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan Shane Rosenthal and M.C. McDaniel Scholarship recipient Emma Brasher.



Graduate Christine Williams is all smiles at commencement.



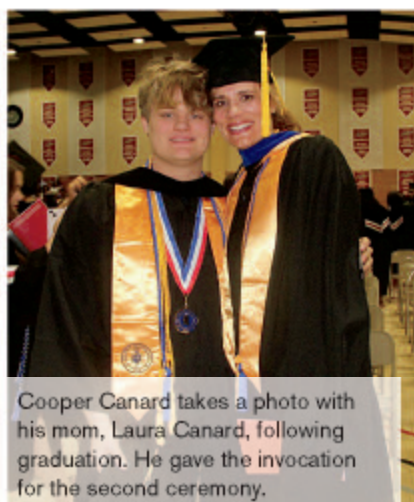
## Goodman Graduation Honors

Pictured is Goodman Campus Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan Kaylee Everett.

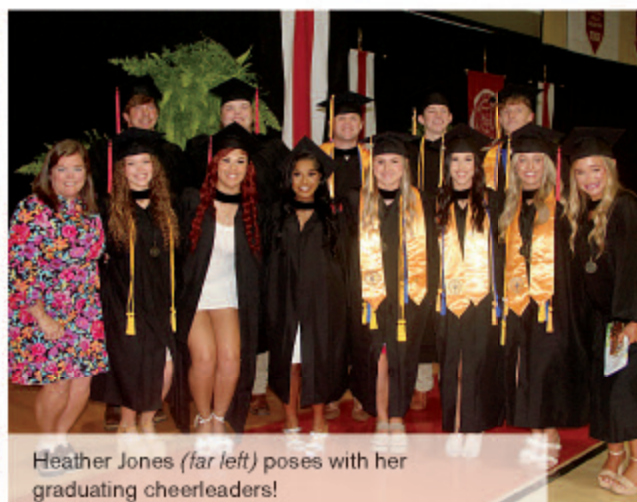


## Graduation Honors Ridgeland:

Pictured are (left to right) Ridgeland Campus Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan Mary Lane Rey, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey and Ridgeland McDaniel Scholarship recipient Amani Willis.



Cooper Canard takes a photo with his mom, Laura Canard, following graduation. He gave the invocation for the second ceremony.



Heather Jones (far left) poses with her graduating cheerleaders!



Ambassadors Brentin Foster and Harley Grace Rayburn hand out 2025 yearbooks at graduation.





Each year, many Holmes graduates take part in the fun tradition of personalizing their caps—a celebration of both their creativity and their bright futures!



Christi Blair smiles for a photo with her son, graduate Houston Blair.



Steve Diffey poses with his daughter, Anna Diffey, after graduation.



Dr. Jim Haffey, Dr. Amy Whittington, Dr. Jenny B. Jones and Joe Adams prepare to lead the commencement ceremony on May 14.



Peter Hindman (center) gathers up his HVAC students for a picture.



John Evins gives the invocation during the first commencement ceremony.



ADN grads Caleb McGowan, Jayla Greer and Samia Wilson stop for a pic.



Graduate Naomi Ubeda proudly shows off her diploma.



### Holmes holds 97th Commencement on May 14

Holmes Community College held the 97th Commencement Exercises on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus. The Goodman Campus, Grenada Campus and Attala Center ceremony was held at 10 a.m. and the Ridgeland Campus and Yazoo Center had a ceremony at 2 p.m. Each ceremony began with a faculty and administration processional.





# Campus Life





Students enjoy the sun and each other's company as they discover their love for percussion at Holmes in 1983.



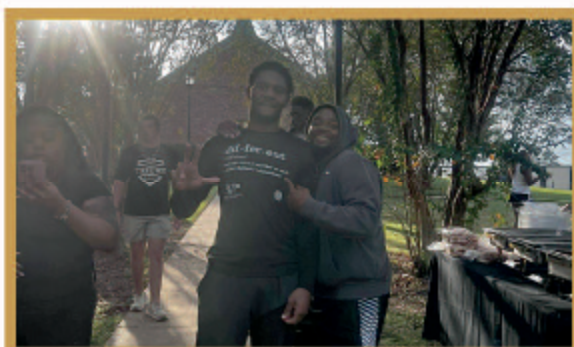
Members of the Steel Band play for potential students during Major Experience 2025 in Goodman.



# Goodman Campus Life



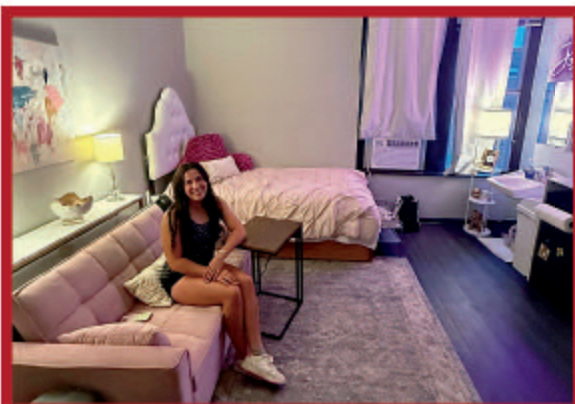
**SGA welcomed  
Goodman students  
back to campus  
with a school  
kick-off cookout!**



Goodman students  
are all smiles  
during the first  
week back to  
school!!







**It's dorm move-in  
day on the  
Holmes  
Goodman  
Campus!**



**Goodman  
students  
enjoy Canine  
Companion  
Day!**



BSU students  
gather to study the  
Word of God and  
pray, enjoying  
fellowship and a  
time of worship  
together.





This year, the Holmes  
Ridgeland Campus  
celebrated its 40th  
birthday!

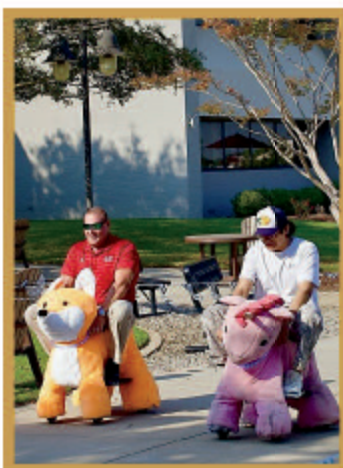


Ridgeland students  
spread Valentine's  
Day cheer by  
making cards for a  
local children's  
home, and enjoying  
sweets and flowers  
in an Ambassador-  
and  
SGA-sponsored  
event.





# Ridgeland Campus Life



The Ridgeland Campus held multiple Ridge Days, full of fun for students, faculty and staff alike! From treats to games to electronic ride-on animals, Bulldogs know how to have fun!



Students celebrated the season with sweet treats from Culinary Arts, a tacky sweater contest, a hot cocoa bar, Christmas card making and shopping for items created by Engineering Tech.



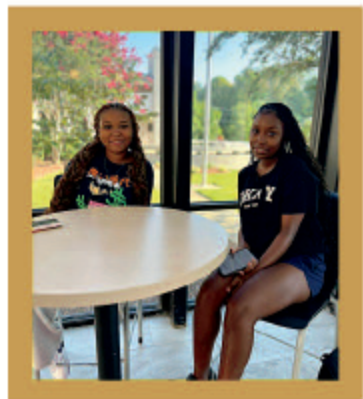






## AROUND THE GRENADA CAMPUS

The Holmes Grenada Campus was full of energy and involvement throughout the year. From back-to-school mixers that helped students connect, to focused study sessions and hands-on learning in classrooms across majors, the campus stayed busy with academic and social life. Student organizations thrived, giving Bulldogs opportunities to lead, serve and build friendships. Game days made for fun outlets as did creative outlets offered like painting and singing karaoke. Together, all these moments made the Grenada Campus a place where students could grow, belong and make the most of their college experience.





# Halloween At Holmes



How cute is the "Saved by the Bell" cast AKA Grenada faculty/staff?!



The Grenada Campus spent Halloween Eve mixing it up with the Spooky STEM Fest, complete with fun experiments and of course, costumes!



During the week of Halloween, Goodman Instructor Rhonda Jefcoat took some of the students in her Anthropology class to the Mississippi Natural Science Museum in Jackson. The students were extremely engaged with the museum's artifacts, as it allowed them to visualize much of the information provided in lectures.

**Halloween at  
Holmes is like  
no other!**

The SSS Spice Girls: Student Support Services staff (left to right) Angela Boyd (All Spice), Elizabeth Shelby (Pumpkin Spice), Antonay Williams (Cinnamon Spice) and Tess Crenshaw (Sassy Saffron) spice up the day during their financial literacy session with students in Goodman.





# A Spooktacular Occasion



1. Best Student Costume Award went to Collin Pannell as Super Earth Trooper.

2. Grenada students Dulce Ramirez and Alex Anderson won Best Duo as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf.

3. Tyler Winter won Best Employee Costume as an astronaut.



4. Grenada students go big with their costumes in 2025!

5. Proof that even the messiest ideas can turn into a solid Halloween costume.



6. Women's Soccer bring the fun even off the field!

7. Ridgeland Surgical Tech, along with some other students, show up and show out for Halloween!

8. Goodman student Idris Harris shows up spooky as ever to the SSS Halloween meeting.

9. From spreadsheets to spirits, Mrs. Anglin's Business Calculus class brings the Halloween energy to Ridgeland.





# Turk-o-Thon 2025

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus STEM Department hosted its annual Turk-o-Thon on Nov. 17, 2025, promoting health and wellness before the holiday season. The event featured several campus programs collaborating to offer services and activities for students and faculty. The day's activities included therapeutic massages provided by Massage Therapy students, while Culinary Arts students offered participants healthy treats. Associate Degree Nursing students were on hand to give blood pressure checks. Fitness opportunities included a yoga flow session led by fitness instructor and Holmes alumna Rochelle Culp Thompson and a turkey trot run that looped around the campus grounds. The event emphasized a healthy start to the holidays through community engagement and hands-on participation from various academic departments.



## Time to Trot!



Nursing students give blood pressure checks during the event.

Turk-o-Thon attendees enjoy massages from Massage Therapy students.





## Turkey yoga for the win!





# Carols of Christmas

Sounds of the season filled McDaniel Auditorium on Dec. 4, 2025, as Holmes Community College hosted its annual Carols of Christmas on the Goodman Campus. The festive evening featured performances by the Coachmen Singers, directed by Mike Yates and Dr. Drew Trautman; the Concert Chorale, led by Dr. Trautman with accompaniment by Dr. Donna Banks; and The Holmes Connection!, directed by Yates, bringing holiday spirit and harmony to the stage.









# A Century of Heart:

## The Bulldog Legacy of Service

In Holmes Community College's centennial year, the Bulldog spirit reached every corner of the community. Students honored 100 years of service by walking for breast cancer, providing senior tech support and hosting a life-saving NMDP swab drive. From donating food for neighbors and shelter animals to leading suicide prevention and health checks, this year's mission proved that compassion remains our greatest campus tradition.

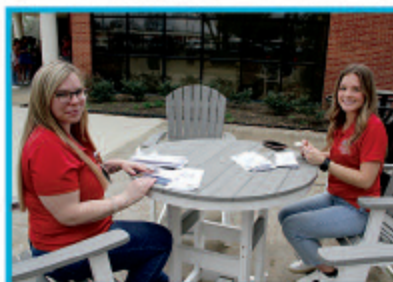


On Sept. 30, 2025, Ridgeland SGA hosted the Mississippi Animal Rescue League (MARL) for a "paws" from exam stress. Students and staff enjoyed puppy interactions while donating a large haul of pet food and cleaning supplies. Practical Nursing students really showed up for MARL, going over and beyond with their donations.



On March 5, the Holmes Goodman Associate Degree Nursing program hosted a National Marrow Donation Program "Swab Drive" outside Carroll Cafeteria to find a bone marrow match for 11-year-old Cate Hargett. She is battling a rare genetic mutation and searching for a donor to begin a critical transplant.

While the drive focused on finding a match for "Team Cate," students also joined the registry to help patients fighting leukemia, sickle cell and other immune disorders.



Holmes women's soccer players volunteered on Oct. 15, 2025 at the 22nd annual TOPSoccer Jamboree, a recreational program for children and adults with intellectual, emotional or physical disabilities, at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland.



Before & After Restoration of the Firetruck



Under the guidance of instructor Casey Caldwell, Holmes Goodman Collision Repair students Conner Campbell, Toba Ghazi, Timothy Pate, Everette Smith, Kendall Williamson and Antonio Wilson refinished a heavy rescue truck to match Madison County's 9/11 Commemorative Fire Truck. The group was recognized at the 2025 Grip N' Grin event in Madison, where they met Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch and Holmes Trustee Joe Adams to celebrate their craftsmanship. On Nov. 17, 2025, the Madison County Board of Supervisors also honored the program for the project. Madison County Fire Coordinator and Holmes alumnus Minor Norman commended the students for their professional work.





1. Holmes Ridgeland ADN students came out and supported Dr. Teresa Mackey and other breast cancer survivors at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event on Oct. 25, 2025 at Trustmark Park in Pearl.



2. Pictured are Holmes faculty/staff members Dr. Tiffany Cox, Dr. Teresa Mackey, Dr. Alicia Turner and Tammie Mack at the Breast Cancer walk.



3. Holmes' Attala Center decorated a Christmas tree for the Historical Society at the Mary Ricks Cultural Center.



4. Dr. Kristy McClain's chemistry students in Grenada created periodic table-themed Christmas cards for the elderly and disabled residents at All Saints House. Pictured is Sarah Noah with her card.



5. Pictured is Landon Grantham with his card he made for the All Saints House residents.



Grands and Gadgets is bridging the digital divide. Launched by Library Technical Assistant Suzanne Haney, the Grands and Gadgets program brings Ridgeland students to local senior communities like St. Catherine's Village and The Waterford to provide hands-on tech support. These sessions foster heartwarming connections, such as when students taught a visually impaired resident to use Siri to call his daughter for the first time. Through patience and service, our student volunteers are bridging the generational gap—transforming technology into a powerful tool for companionship and independence.



On Feb. 4, Goodman Engineering Tech students visited the Holmes Yazoo Center to support the Yazoo County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual tree giveaway. Volunteers bundled 14,000 pine and hardwood saplings while learning about conservation. The day also provided students with networking opportunities with representatives from CF Industries, My Brother's Keeper and local conservation groups.

Pictured are (left to right) Carson Lee, Allen Landrum, Will Alexander (Engineering Tech Instructor & Holmes Yazoo Center Coordinator), Hunter Lee and Ken Hunter.

6. The History Club donated a large haul of non-perishable goods to the Holmes County Food Bank following a campus-wide drive.

7. On Veteran's Day, the History Club students visited the Kosciusko Veteran's Home and delivered cards signed with personalized messages to the veterans.



# YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, Holmes Community College kicked off the upcoming school year with a Back to School Meeting on the Goodman Campus. The day began with a breakfast social, giving faculty and staff time to reconnect and catch up. The event continued in McDaniel Auditorium, where Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey delivered a state-of-the-college address. Additional administrators shared updates and helped prepare employees for the institution's upcoming accreditation visit. The program also recognized new employees and honored those who reached service milestones of five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years with the college.



**30 YEARS:** (left to right) Andy Wood and Dr. Jenny B. Jones were recognized for 30 years of service with Holmes.



**25 YEARS:** (left to right) Dr. Mike Blankenship, Joy Kellum and Jay Cheatham were recognized for 25 years of service with Holmes. *Not pictured:* Angela Tanner.



**20 YEARS:** (front row, left to right) Dr. Tonya Lawrence, Dr. Alice Austin, Lilly Austin, Cynthia Abel, Mandy Burrell, (back row, left to right) Matt Convertino, Heather Hale, Earline Russell-Smith, Kay Kelly, Will Alexander, Sonny Sparks and Jason Flanigan were recognized for 20 years with the college.





**15 YEARS:** (front row, left to right) Tammie Burrell, Dr. NaTunya Johnson, Heather Roberts, (back row, left to right) Dr. Matt Surrell, Ben Lewis and Marshall McCain were recognized for 15 years with Holmes. *Not pictured:* Barbara Moody, Arnetra Pleas and Bessie Thomas.

**10 YEARS:** (front row, left to right) Bethany Miller, Katrena Harris, Ana Davenport, Tammy Caldwell, (back row, left to right) Kala Evans, Reagan Dilmore, Rhonda Jefcoat, Nettie Coggin, Jennifer Brunson and Dr. Amber Mabus were recognized for 10 years of service with the college. *Not pictured:* Thad Ables, Dedrick Dawson and Bernard Erving.



**5 YEARS:** (front row, left to right) Quint Raper, Dr. Madison Cummins, Dr. Alicia Turner, Jennifer Bertucci, Jessica Leverette, Simonee Miller, (back row, left to right) Tammy Jones, Alexei Harrison, Cathy Cummings, Sabrina Moore, Jake Hood and Erin Jenkins were recognized for five years with Holmes. *Not pictured:* Chris Ellis, Mark McDaniel, Sandy Palmertree and Joshua Smith.





# Homecoming 2025





The styles may have changed, but the spirit hasn't — the 1978 Homecoming Court represents both the fashion of its time and a lasting Holmes tradition spanning 100 years.



Members of the 2025 Homecoming Court are recognized during Holmes' Homecoming celebration, representing the pride, tradition and student spirit that have defined Holmes for 100 years.



# Bulldog Spirit, All Week Long

Students, faculty and staff showed their Bulldog spirit during Holmes Community College's Homecoming 2025 with a fun-filled week of dress-up days. The campus community got creative all week, from dressing like senior citizens for Holmes is 100 on Monday to celebrating Favorite Holidays Tuesday, teaming up with friends for Rhyme Without Reason Wednesday and wrapping up the week in Homecoming gear Thursday. The themed days gave everyone a chance to show school pride, share laughs and make lasting memories throughout the celebration.



Ridgeland Practical Nursing students start off Day 1 for "Holmes is 100" with flair!

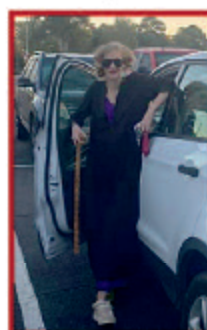
## DAY 1: SENIOR CITIZEN DAY!



Ridgeland students, plus a possible future Bulldog, join the Senior Citizen fun!



Grenada Campus administration, faculty, staff and students show just how fun being 100 can be!



Proof Bulldog spirit only gets better with age, the Goodman Campus shows up looking the part!

The Attala Center joins in on the Senior Citizen fun!



## DAY 2: FAVORITE HOLIDAY



From Christmas to Halloween, Grenada brought the spirit!



The Goodman Campus has a holly jolly Spirit Day #2!



The Ridgeland Campus turns one day into every season!

## DAY 3: RHYME WITHOUT REASON



Make no mistake, Grenada Campus took the cake for most costumes on Rhyme Without Reason Day!

(bottom pics) Ridgeland Surg Tech and Practical Nursing rhyme it up for Day #3!



# HOMECOMING DAY 2025

From tailgate to touchdown & everything in between!

On Oct. 23, Holmes Community College hosted its annual Homecoming celebration on the Goodman Campus. The 2025 Homecoming Queen, Chasity Washington, was crowned prior to kickoff. The day featured a visual arts display, a career and transfer fair, athletic practices, alumni events, performances by Holmes' musical ensembles, fun in the Grove, tailgating, a pep rally and live music. Students, alumni and guests gathered across campus to enjoy traditions, food and performances. The football game against Northwest Mississippi Community College kicked off at 3 p.m., with Northwest taking a 45-10 win. The Homecoming Court and 2025 alumni honorees were also recognized on the field. The celebration concluded with music, campus activities and time for alumni and friends to reconnect.



Pictured are (left to right) Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood, the Queen's escort Trey Alexander, Homecoming Queen Chasity Washington, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey and Holmes Alumni Association President Matt McCrory.



1. The Dazzlers perform during the pre-kickoff pep rally.
2. The Bulldogs take on the Rangers during Homecoming 2025.
3. The Holmes cheerleaders lead the way as the Bulldogs run onto the field to play against Northwest Mississippi Community College
4. Holmes alumna Lily Kate Saxton Wallace (in red sweater) smiles for a photo alongside others ready to watch the performances during Homecoming. She also brought her students (behind her) from Benton Academy!





5. On Homecoming morning, the softball team had an open practice, giving fans a glimpse of the upcoming season. The softball players stop for a photo.

6. The Bulldogs baseball team also held an open practice, giving fans an inside look at this year's talent.

7. Holmes massage therapy student Jocelyn Murillo-Gamez provides massages in the Grove during Homecoming, working alongside fellow students in the program.

8. The Holmes Chorale performs Holmes' Alma Mater prior to the Honoree Recognition Ceremony in McDaniel Auditorium. They also performed the national anthem prior to kick-off.



9. Holmes students enjoy fun and games in the Grove, including mechanical bull riding!

10. Holmes staff members (left to right) Coleman Canard, Kerri Edwards, Amanda Lindsey and Jada Edwards are all smiles, enjoying Homecoming 2025.

11. The Culinary Arts students provide tasty treats under the Alumni Tent on the tailgating field.



12. Nursing students take a break from studying and enjoy tailgating before the game.

*Homecoming attendees enjoyed musical performances by Chorale, Coachmen & Connection!*





# 2025 Homecoming Court



## **2025 Homecoming Queen Chasity Washington & Escort Trey Alexander**

Chasity Delaya Washington, the daughter of Ashley Phillips and Cortez Washington, was named 2025 Homecoming Queen. Washington, a native of Winona, is majoring in pre-occupational therapy. On campus, she serves as manager for the HCC Band/Dazzlers. After Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi to continue her studies in occupational therapy. Washington is also a member of Abundant Life Temple of Faith Church.

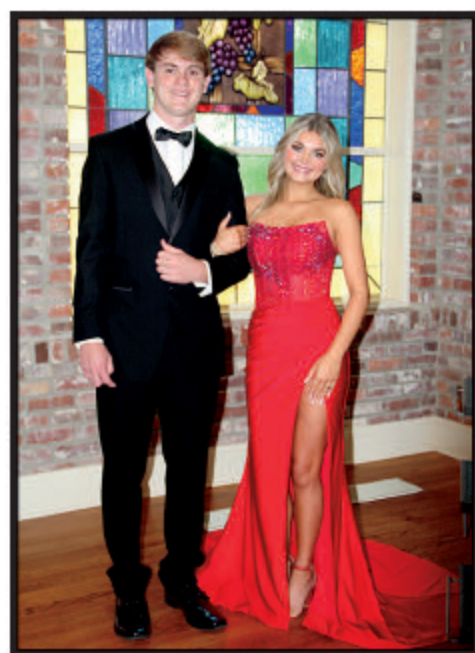
Her escort is Trey Alexander of Clinton. Trey is the son of Willie and Angela Alexander. He is a sophomore majoring in pre-physical therapy. Trey is a member of the Holmes men's basketball team and Phi Theta Kappa.



Escort Charley Dunn with  
Goodman Student Body Maid  
Hannah Stanley



Escort Gregory Windam with  
Ridgeland Student Body Maid  
Alisha Davis

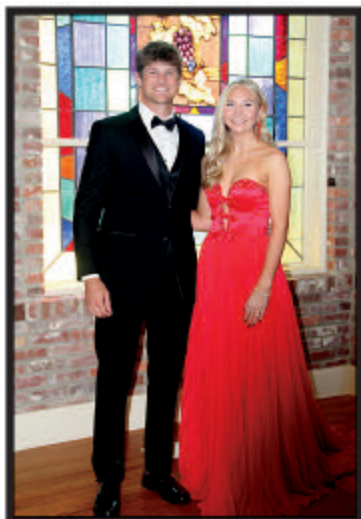


Escort Landon Grantham  
with Grenada Student Body Maid  
Lexi McClain





Escort AJ Arguello with  
Goodman Sophomore Maid  
Lillie Kate Jones



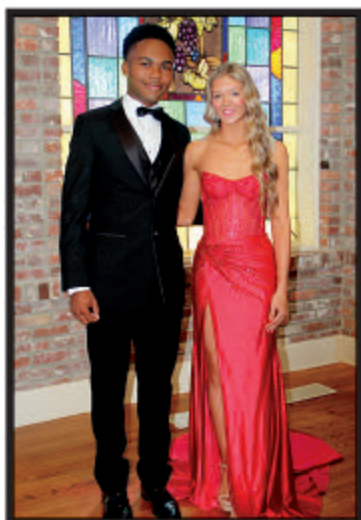
Escort Braxton Demopulos  
with Goodman Sophomore Maid  
Harley Grace Rayburn



Escort Andrew Mancell with  
Goodman Freshman Maid  
Tearshanae Mallett



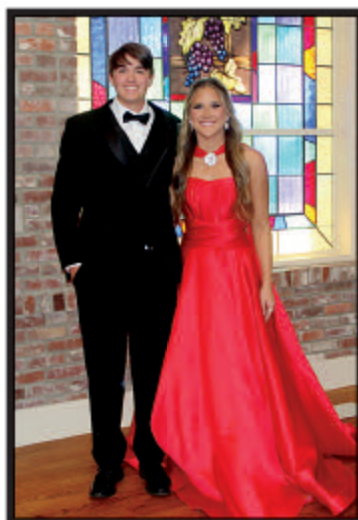
Escort Kameryn Bailey with  
Goodman Freshman Maid  
Tassianna Calloway



Escort Tyler Jackson with  
Ridgeland Sophomore Maid  
Sydney Neely



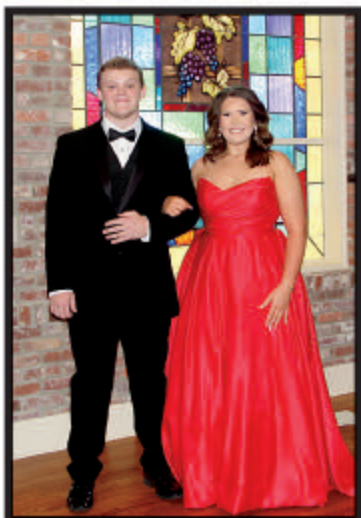
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Ridgeland Sophomore Maid  
Ashlyn Dodd



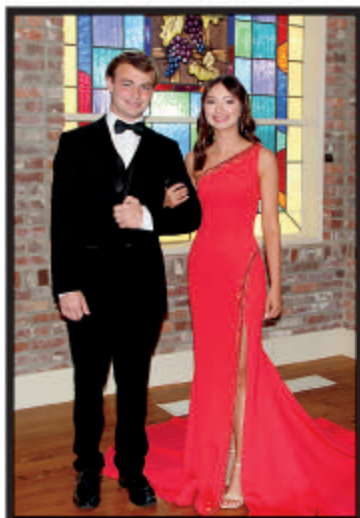
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Sarah Grace Nail



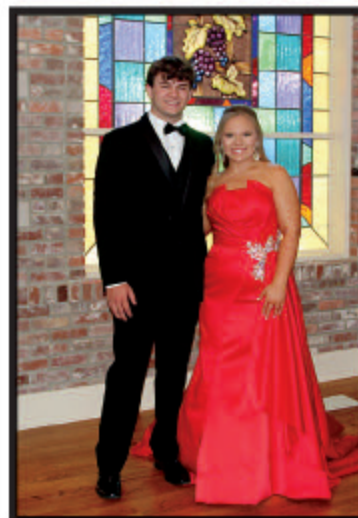
Escort Houston Griggs with  
Ridgeland Freshman Maid  
Mariah Jimerson



Escort Braden Stanford with  
Grenada Sophomore Maid  
Caitlynn Bingham



Escort Owen Garrett with  
Grenada Freshman Maid  
Kelley Evans



Escort Reid Blaylock with  
Grenada Freshman Maid  
Katie Grace Ray



# Alumna of the Year

## Holmes honors Candice Parish as Alumna of the Year

Holmes Community College honored Candice Edwards Parish as the 2025 Alumna of the Year, the highest honor awarded by the Holmes Alumni Association. A Holmes County native and 1996 graduate of Holmes, Parish has devoted more than two decades to nursing and community health.

Her career has spanned emergency medicine, post-operative care, home health and geriatric services as a registered nurse, culminating in her current role as a family nurse practitioner with Premier Medical Group in Goodman and Kosciusko. After earning her degree from Holmes, Parish completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1998 and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2019.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Parish has also been recognized for her athletic accomplishments in softball, basketball and track. In 2013, she was inducted into the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2025, she was inducted into the Central Holmes Christian School Sports Hall of Fame, where she attended high school. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Parish is a committed community leader in Holmes County.

After living and working in various parts of the country, she and her husband, Jason, chose to return home to work and raise their family. She serves on the boards of Central Holmes Christian School and Friends of Lexington Preservation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation and community revitalization. Parish also has a long history of mission work, including medical missions to Romania and Mexico, and she has led church retreats and volunteered with ministries supporting survivors of abuse. Parish's daughter, Daynie, is on the Holmes cheerleading team, and her son, Gibson, is a 2025 Holmes alum.

"Candice Parish is a shining example of the Holmes spirit," the Alumni Association Executive Committee said. "Her professional excellence, community service and commitment to the people of Holmes County embody everything this award stands for."

The Alumna of the Year award is the most prestigious distinction given by the Holmes Alumni Association and is presented annually to a graduate who exemplifies the college's values through personal achievement, leadership and service.





# Veteran of the Year

## Holmes honors Lt. Col. Norman Hitchcock as Veteran of the Year

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Norman Hitchcock was honored as the 2025 Veteran of the Year by Holmes Community College. A native of Grenada, he served 29 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, rising to lieutenant colonel and earning distinction as both a leader and educator. The son of Willard J. and Eddie Pritchett, Hitchcock was known for his warm personality and was voted "Friendliest" during his sophomore year at Holmes Junior College.

He began at Holmes in 1970 and graduated in 1972 before earning a bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 1974. He entered the Marine Corps in 1975 and completed Officer Candidates School that same year. His military education included The Basic School, field artillery courses at Fort Sill and graduation from the U.S. Army War College. He later earned a master's degree in education from Old Dominion University and a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.



As an artillery officer, Hitchcock commanded Marines in the United States and overseas in Europe, the Western Pacific and Cuba. He trained with the British Royal Marines in Norway and deployed aboard U.S. Sixth Fleet ships during four Mediterranean cruises. His leadership roles included commanding officer of Battery A, Battalion Landing Team 1/3, and commanding officer of the Marine Embassy Security Battalion, where he oversaw more than 250 Marines across 26 detachments in the Caribbean, Central and South America. He also served in recruiting leadership in Florida and held several senior staff assignments.

Hitchcock later served with NROTC in Hampton Roads as a military professor at Old Dominion University, Hampton University and Norfolk State University. He was assigned as assistant naval and air attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid and later served at Camp Lejeune with II Marine Expeditionary Force. His final active-duty assignment was at the Naval War College, where he served as a game director and military professor. After retiring from active duty, he remained there as an associate professor before his second retirement in 2014.

In 2014, following his second retirement, Hitchcock and his wife, Gretchen, settled in Sparta, New Jersey. He has remained active in his community, serving as a public library trustee and as a trustee of Pierce Memorial Global Methodist Church, where he is a Sunday School teacher. Hitchcock is a Master Mason and a 32nd-degree member of the Scottish Rite. He is a past master of St. Paul's Lodge No. 14 in Middletown, Rhode Island. An avid outdoorsman, Hitchcock enjoys fishing, hunting and shooting.



# Distinguished Service Award

## Holmes honors Dr. Sidney Bondurant with Distinguished Service Award

Holmes Community College recognized Dr. Sidney Wiggins Bondurant with its Distinguished Service Award. A native of Forest, Dr. Bondurant was honored for his career in medicine, public service and community involvement.

He graduated from Forest High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Mississippi State University in 1968 before receiving his medical degree from Vanderbilt University Medical School in 1971.

"The father of my best friend in high school was a physician, and he inspired me to pursue a career in medicine, so I made that choice early on," Dr. Bondurant said.

Dr. Bondurant completed his medical internship July 1, 1972, and entered the U.S. Navy two days later after being told he could "volunteer" and choose his branch of service or be drafted into the Army instead.

"I did not volunteer nor desire to go to Vietnam, but the experience was one of the most memorable in my life," he said.

Dr. Bondurant served as an active-duty Navy medical officer from 1972 to 1976 and remained in the Naval Reserve until retiring as a lieutenant commander in 1993.

He later served as a Mississippi state representative for Grenada, Yalobusha and Calhoun counties from 2004–12 and held roles as a reserve deputy sheriff, historical society president and member of the Mississippi Civil War Battlefield Commission. From 2012–16, he was Veterans Affairs and Healthcare Policy adviser to Gov. Phil Bryant.

He continues consulting on medical issues and in 2012 established the Bondurant Family Scholarship at Holmes. He and his wife, Aida Valeriano Bondurant, live in Madison. They have two children, Morgan and John, and three grandchildren: Ava, Sidney and Samuel. Dr. Bondurant remains active in medical research.





# Young Alumnus of the Year

## Holmes honors Jacob Black as Young Alumnus of the Year

Jacob Black, a 2008 graduate of Holmes Community College, was named Young Alumnus of the Year. The honor was presented alongside the other honorees Oct. 23 during a Homecoming awards ceremony on the Goodman Campus.

Black, originally from McCool, completed the pre-law curriculum at Holmes and played football. As a sophomore offensive tackle, he was named second team all-state. He earned a Juris Doctor from Mississippi College and serves as executive deputy director for programs at the Mississippi Department of Human Services. He previously served as president of the Holmes Alumni Association and continues to serve on the college's Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Black said he chose Holmes because it offered a smaller, supportive environment where he could both play football and prepare for his career.

"Every action has an equal reaction," Black said.

"When you look at big agencies like the Department of Human Services, such a small reaction can make a big difference and affect the people we serve."

Black's favorite class at Holmes was physical science with Jim Shirley, which helped guide his professional path. Black and his wife, Ryan, also a Holmes graduate, met on the Goodman Campus in 2007 and credit the college for bringing them together. They now live in Gluckstadt with their two sons.

The Young Alumnus of the Year award recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions early in their careers.







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# Clubs & Organizations





Pictured are a few members of the 1972-73  
Horizons yearbook staff.



Pictured are a few members of the 2025-26  
Horizons yearbook staff (left to right)  
Gregory Davis, Jasmiah Collier and  
Cameron Badurak.



# The Bulldog Marching Band



The Holmes Community College Bulldog Marching Band is directed by Band Director Terry Miller.

## 2025-26 Band Roster

### Flute

Abby Lee  
Genesis Westbrook (piccolo)  
Sophie Bell

### Clarinet

Caterrah Henderson  
Alicia Newell  
AngelMarie Cooper  
Liliana Daves (bass clarinet)

### Alto sax

Alicia Jackson  
Amaziah Taylor  
Cole Wilson  
Deatra Rankin  
Gavin Lepard  
Ja'Neqwa Brown

### Trumpet

Chasity Washington  
Hunter Braswell  
Javondia Phillips  
Mya Nelson  
Jackson French

### F Horn

Alison Goldwater-deussen

### Trombone

Jaiden Johnson  
Hunter Lee

### Baritone

Alexiyonna Johnson  
Tyler Maze  
Kidayela Thomas

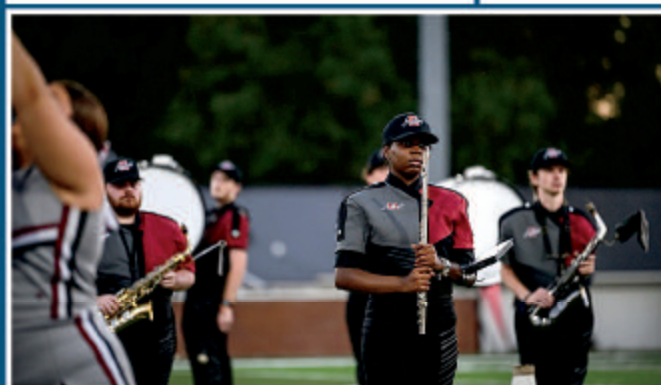
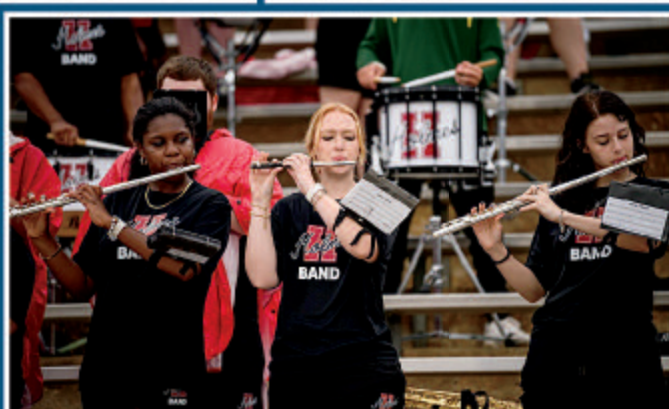
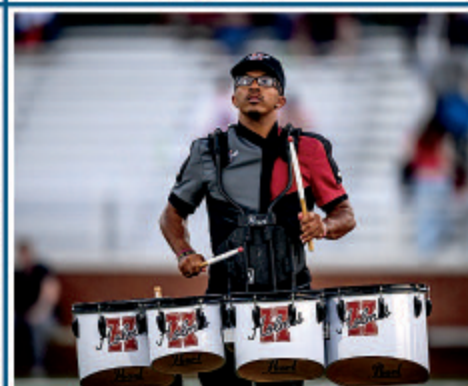
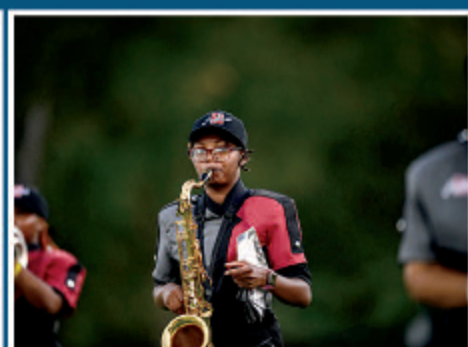
### Tuba

Aidan Armstrong  
Demecia Harris  
Jakayla Mitchell  
Tyler Primer

### Percussion

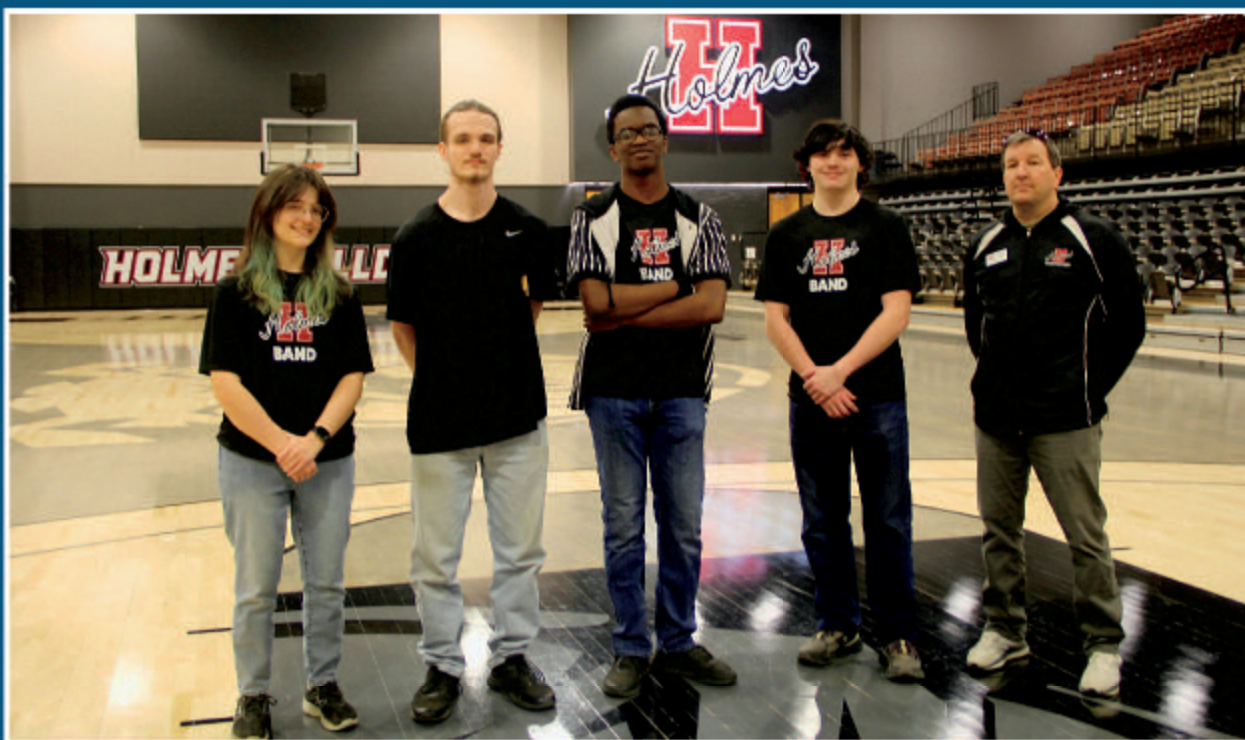
Abigail Glazier (marimba)  
Calvin Lagrone (piano)  
Edward Fletcher (piano)  
Konner Brown (tenors)  
Pharaoh Tanksley







# Steel Band



Steel Band: (left to right) Abigail Glazier, Pharaoh Tanksley, Edward R. Fletcher, III, Hunter Braswell and Interim Director Jay Cheatham.

# Jazz Band



Jazz Band : (left to right) Liliana Daves, AngelMarie Cooper, Abigail Glazier, Pharaoh Tanksley, Edward R. Fletcher, III, Jackson French, Hunter Braswell, Amariah Taylor and Interim Director Jay Cheatham.



# Connection!



**Connection!** (front row, left to right) Brooklyn Newton, Colby Solomon, Kaylyn McLendon, Ranney Davis, Kate Beard, Alexis Lee, Morgan Chism, Maddie Afford, Abi McMichael, Josh Robinson, Kenzie Jobe, Braxton Leach, Kami Beard, (middle row, left to right) Director Mike Yates, Andrea Thomas, Kendall Chumm, Toland Hudson, Dylan Mason, Cameron Armstrong, Gavin von Foregger, Trey Williams, Luke Terry, Zylon Seals, Jerry Smith, Lindsie Winford, (back row, left to right) Drew McMaster, Asher Walls, Ethan Mills and Bell Purser.

# Coachmen



**Coachmen singers:** (left to right) Lindsie Winford, Toland Hudson, Lauren Lindsay, Charity Washington, Kendall Chunn, Andrea Thomas, Tamara Haynes, Daniela Lewis, Luke Terry and Alora Cooper. Not pictured: Directors Dr. Drew Trautman and Mike Yates.



# Chorale



**Chorale:** (front row, left to right) Director Dr. Drew Trautman, Shelby Hopkins, Marissa Shepherd, Breezy Hill, Alexis Lee, Ja'Neqwa Brown, Victoria Stone, Jimena Gonzalez, Nikendria Williams, Owen Clark, Kaden Patterson, Accompanist Dr. Donna Banks, (second row, left to right) Brooklyn Newton, Tamara Haynes, Charity Washington, Jacqueline Stansbury, Holdyn Eisenberg, Kendall Chunn, Kate Beard, Kami Beard, Kenzie Jobe, Cooper Utley, Edward Fletcher, Jamarion Harris, Asher Walls, (third row, left to right) Sharonisha Bell, Javondia Phillips, Shamia Kyle, Siela Lacy, Alana Cooper, Kaylyn McLendon, Ivrianna Stewart, Daniela Lewis, Jakeria Williams, Braxton Leach, Cam Armstrong, Jerry Moore, Gavin von Foregger, Luke Terry, Zylon Seals, (fourth row, left to right) Elliona Westbrook, Abi McMichael, Tassianna Calloway, Lin Winford, Andrea Thomas, Maddie Alford, Lauren Lindsay, Josh Robinson, Dylan Mason, Colby Solomon, Drew McMaster, Treylen Williams, Ranney Davis and Ethan Barber.

# Holmes Plus



**Holmes Plus** (front row, left to right) Kaitlyn Beard, Ally Moore, Makyla Kast, (back row, left to right) Trejan Woods, Hayden Austin, Jon Stephens, Jordan Ashford, Ryan Foster and Brycen Johnson. Not pictured: Vincent Gloriso, Parker Hodge, Madison Reyes, and Advisors Jodie Burchfield, William Devore, Hannah Johe, Heather Jones, Phillip Lawes, Dr. Durga Siwakoti and Shelby Sones.



# History Club



History Club: (left to right) Mikayla Tew, Amber Smith, Michael Phinisee and Jada Clay. Not pictured: Advisor Charles Wood

# MOSAIC



MOSAIC-Multicultural Organization for Students Achieving, Inspiring others, and Challenging themselves: (front row, left to right) Ed Stewart, Jr., Kailey Ingram, Kayla Patterson, Abigail Glazier, MaKayla Kast, John Miller, Jada Clay, Tristan Garrett, (second row, left to right) Malasia Smith, Kaden Patterson, Jimena Gonzalez, Alex Mateo-Domingo, Laiya Harmon, Diana Garcia, (third row, left to right) Amarion Harris, Takandra Teague, Michael Phinisee, MaKayla Riley, (fourth row, left to right) Chris Harmon, Alicia Newell, Alexiyonna Johnson, Siela Lacy, Sharonisha Bell, (back row, left to right) Advisors Tess Crenshaw, Elizabeth Shelby and Angela Boyd.



# Goodman Ambassadors



**Goodman Ambassadors:** (front row, left to right) Harley Grace Rayburn, Pares Greenfield, Carlyn White, SaraBeth Moore, Molly Steed, Diana Garcia Lizzy Diaz, Elizabeth Orduna, Hannah Stanley, (second row, left to right) Ally Moore, Mattelyn Reed, Cambre Malone, Majeeda Sanad, Laiya Harmon, Kinsay Hope, Haylei Shaw, (third row, left to right) Bryce Ables, Brent Zachary, Eli Green, Maeson Jolley, (back row, left to right) Brentin Foster, Bennett Word, Logan Engle and Hayden Austin. Not pictured: Advisor Nikki Boutwell.

# Goodman SGA



**Goodman Student Government Association (SGA):** (front row, left to right) Siela Lacy, Kendall Stanley, Hannah Stanley, Diana Garcia, Alex Mateo-Domingo, MaKayla Mabry, Sydney Nicole Beal-Horton, (back row, left to right) Harley Grace Rayburn, Jakayln Smith, Keshantis Sims, Majeeda Sanad, Ceketha Herndon, Elizabeth Orduna, Kambria Thrasher, Sarah Stouder and Alexiyonna Johnson. Not pictured: Advisor Tina Boyette.



# Goodman Phi Theta Kappa



**Phi Theta Kappa Kappa Alpha Chapter Officers:** (front row, left to right) Hannah Stanley, vice president of Honors in Action; Kazzye Wood, president; Lindsie Winford, vice president of communications and engagement and Lawson Nichols, vice president of campus projects. Not pictured: Advisors Simonee Miller, Will Alexander and Charles Wood.

# Social & Behavioral Honors Class



**Social & Behavioral Science Honors Class:** (front row, left to right) Zoey Miller, Sophie Bell, Makayla Mabry, Amariah Taylor, (back row, left to right) Abby Lee, Kambria Thrasher, Alana Bogan, Idris Harris, Jamarian Harris and Instructor Rhonda Jefcoat. Not pictured: Tamara Pullin.



# Goodman ADN First Year



Goodman Campus Associate Degree Nursing Program, First-Year Students: (front row, left to right) Lauren Sowell, Caleigh Moody, Tamari Ford, Alex Mennemeier, Destiny Hudson, Kaden Adams, (second row, left to right) Emily Pope, Brandolynn Ellard, Laysie Schwisow, Katie Grace Chunn, Carley Blakely, Amber Brown, (third row, left to right) Kayla Keel, Aleshia Potts, Angela Pope, Natalie Cochran, Melissa McClendon, Lorelai Bell, (fourth row, left to right) Bobbie Hutto, Tamyia Johnson, Natasha Knox, Jakayla Mitchell, Gabrielle Scott, Ceretha Herndon, (back row, left to right) Deana Grossley, Ava Case, Lasondra Rushing and Taylor "Chloe" Cook. Not pictured: Instructors Kaitlyn Chunn, Janna Garrett, Amanda Jones, Patty Jones and Gwendolyn Lordeon.

# Goodman ADN Second Year



Goodman Campus Associate Degree Nursing Program, Second-Year Students: (front row, left to right) Jonirea Girdle, Audrey Tate, Adriana Johnson, Camryn Morris, Jamie McClain, Alexandra West, Jasmine Veal, (second row, left to right) Tytiyana Moody, Shandon Pigg, Colton Alexander, Kennedy McCardle, Ally Rae Pingrey, Jeslynn McDonald, (third row, left to right) Alexia Smith, Hannah Smudricks, Ariana Weathersby, Reagan Cook, Maicee Coleman, Keiosha Scott, (back row, left to right) Joerion Landaverde, Jakala Snow, NaKenzie Washington, LeTiyha Gill, DeLandra Cook and Christina Rouser. Not pictured: Instructors Sara Burwell, Anna Brittain, Amanda Jones, Patty Jones and Gwendolyn Lordeon.



# Cosmetology



Cosmetology: (front row, left to right) Amarrie Booker, Brianna Bautista, Leigh Coker, Brooke Newman, (second row, left to right) Charlicianna Ariel Lipsey Pernell, Janiyah Wilder, Addison Reynolds, Tyeisha Walden, (third row, left to right) Kaelyn Jackson, Madison Carmody, (back row, left to right) Katrina Northcutt, Olivia McBride, Maya Herron, Lexi Penquite and Avery Grace Alexander. Not pictured: Instructor Christie Adams.

# Goodman Baptist Student Union



Goodman Baptist Student Union: (front row, left to right) Lorelai Bell, Shelby Hopkins, Carlyn White, Nek Brown, Autumn Sims, Kayliegh Tarter, Jayden Neal, Victoria Smith, Kaylyn McLendon, (middle row, left to right) Wyatt Floyd, Haylee Eaton, Emma Boggan, Sara Beth Moore, Chloe Lucas, Carley Blakely, Riley Arrowood, Hannah Gilbert, Callie Neal, Tearshanae Mallett, Nicole Ramsey, Walter Cooper, (back row, left to right) Ally Moore, Maeson Jolley, Christian Jenkins, Hope Brown, Jack Harkins, Cason Moss, Jack Shivers, Eli Green, Korben Altman, Avry McCurdy, Hayden Skates and Drew Grace. Not pictured: BSU Director Tamara Walbert.



# Goodman ADN Class of 2025



Goodman Campus Associate Degree Nursing Program, Class of 2025: They are Caden Alexander, Katelyn Bouldin, Robresha Clay, Shania Clay, Cikhzyan Cleveland, Jasmine Coleman, Zachara Cross, Kathryn Daves, Susan Davis, Marquicia Douglas, Bailey Engle, Ima Harris, Jamie Harris, Mariah Harris, India Hodge, Daya Jackson, Bracie Jamison, Kimberly Love, KaliAnn May, Ikeyla Mosley, Briyana Palmer, Harley Pearson, Benjamin Ransom, Jaylea Russell and Kim Wright. Not pictured: Instructors Sara Burwell, Anna Brittain, Amanda Jones, Patty Jones and Gwendolyn Lordeon.

## Attala Practical Nursing



Attala Center Practical Nursing: (front row, left to right) RhaLeijah Robertson, Marquatte Ware, Tina Douglas, Brandy Moore, Kaitlyn Harlos, Ashley Lockhart, Alexis Wilder, Samantha Cotton, Chadsity Lindsey, Shakara Fort, Kendra Myers, (back row, left to right) Shayla Bland, La'Miracle Grays, Ta'Nila Hallmon, Emily Wilson, Stavianne Cain, Omani Ollie, Keyanna Wilder, Leontyne Kelly, Ke'Arra Newman and Tanaka Forrest. Not pictured: Laravia Griffin, and Instructors Dr. Christi Blair, Tammy Caldwell and Amy Lindsay.



# Electrical Linemen



Fall 2025 Electrical Linemen: Zaylen Booker, Kolby Coffey, Tyler Daves, Austin Elkins, Dalton Kendrick, Landen Kirkland, Tyrekus Mayze, Bradley Meyers, Jimmy Rutkowski, Kaleb Thompson, Wyatt Townsend, Anthony Waits, Jemetrick Washington and Instructors Lamar Dumas and Kenny Killebrew.



# Ridgeland Phi Theta Kappa



**Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter Officers:** (left to right) Ashlyn Dodd, president; Anna Box, vice president of college projects; Mary Crawford Canard, vice president of Honors in Action and Mika Maehata, vice president of membership and fundraising. Not pictured: Advisors Stephanie Blue, Lisa Anglin and Laura Canard.

# Ridgeland Ambassadors



**Ridgeland Campus Ambassadors:** (front row, left to right) Alisha Davis, Ashley Dodd, Riley Lambert. (second row, left to right) Mary Canard, Sarah Grace Nail, Elisyah Adams, Kelsey Hall, Miriam Solis, Adelette Nichols, Taylor Chamblee. (back row, left to right) Gregory Windham, Paxton McGee, Aundrea Thompson, Seth Murphy, Tyler Jackson and Houston Griggs. Not pictured: Advisor Amanda Lindsey.



# Ridgeland SGA



**Ridgeland Student Government Association (SGA):** (front row, left to right) Alisha Davis, vice president; Ashlyn Dodd, president; Sarah Grace Nail secretary; (back row, left to right) Mika Maehata, Madison Scott, Houston Griggs, Madeline Moser, Kelsey Hall, Tymerrria Crowley and Madalyn Bergeron. Not pictured: Advisor Jordan Heflin.

# Ridgeland Content Creators Club



**Ridgeland Content Creators Club:** (front row, left to right) Taylor Chamblee, Kelsey Hall, Paxton McGee, (back row, left to right) Seth Murphy, Houston Griggs, Kennedy Stallings and Gregory Windham. Not pictured: Ellisyah Adams, Tyler Jackson, Aundrea Thompson, Sarah Nail, Alisha Davis, Adelette Nichols, Miriam Solis, Ashlyn Dodd, Mary Canard, Christian Goff, Brenna Sanford, Trinity Bridges, Jacie Rouse, Kaylee Avant, Sydney Neely, C.J. Dedmon, Kenzie McClellan, Kadence Brown, Emma McCarter, Laia Cornelius, Arianna Hawkins, Kenira Newell, Jessica Fuentes, Catherine Jones, Madeline Moser, Marcela Escamilla, and Advisors Jordan Heflin and Maggie Robinson.



# Culinary Arts



**Culinary Arts Program:** (left to right) Airiyana Humphrey, Mavrick Harper, Paxton McGee, Tayshawn Pellman, Kamron Carr, La'Miracle Baker and Margarete Garcia. Not pictured: Patrick Kelly, Joseph Romain, Kate Walkinshaw, and Instructors Alexei Harrison and Lori Morrison.

# Massage Therapy



**Massage Therapy Program:** (seated, left to right) Deanna Burke, Ava Walker, Daniella Solano-Ortega, (first standing row, left to right) Elizabeth LaWanda Brown, Jordan White, Cassandra Aguilar, Jocelyn Murillo-Gamez, (back row, left to right) Tiffany Hathorn, Noah Huff and Sheneka Floyd. Not pictured: Instructor Liz McLain.



# Ridgeland Surgical Tech



Ridgeland Surgical Technology Program: (front row, left to right) Emily Hardwick, Abigail Lampard, Makenzie Evans, (back row, left to right) Lakia Ross, Quynon Davis, Meghan Griffith, Reilly Kate Lack, Hannah Barton and Leonard Brown. Not pictured: Instructors Shea Coleman and Christin Boyette.

# Grands & Gadgets



Grands & Gadgets Community Service Organization: (left to right) Bethany Barry, vice president; Jeremiah Brister, tech lead; C.J. Dedmon, co-president and Anna McCarter, co-president. Not pictured: Advisor Suzanne Haney.



# Ridgeland Fall Day EMT



Ridgeland Fall Day Emergency Medical Technician Program: (front row, left to right) Barrett Lee, Kayla Griffin, Dorsey Hamlin, Matthew Brooks, (second row, left to right) Hannah Gatewood, Michael Linzy, Sharroia Whitehead, Ab Lopez, (third row, left to right) Jalin Thompson, Eddie Brookins, Drew Singletary, Tony Esquijarosa, (fourth row, left to right) Valentino Butler, Jefferson R. Agustin Marroquin, (back row, left to right) Tristan Merritt, Wade Nichols, Dyllan Durr and Justin Brewer. Not pictured: Instructors Yancy Brewer and Sandra Hultz.

# Ridgeland Paramedics



Ridgeland Paramedic Program: (front row, left to right) Veronica Williamson, Alyssa Huskey, Tiffany Darnell, Lashonda Barnes, Jaielyn Woods, Hanna Anderson, (back row, left to right) Jalen Muckelvene, Bradley Elmore, KeAndre Woods, Josh Hudgens, Scott Peacock and Jamicheal Dickerson. Not pictured: Instructors Mark Gattelli, Yancy Brewer and Sandra Hultz.



# Ridgeland Spring Day EMT



Ridgeland Spring Day Emergency Medical Technician Program: (front row, left to right) Twyanna Lockett, Keely Basurto, Ja'Marion Oliver, Rebecca Rowan, Khaleighsha Dampier, (back row, left to right) Tommy London, Jessie Harris and Keirsten Lloyd. Not pictured: Ellis Armon, Tyrese Bryant and Christian Summers, and Instructors Yancy Brewer and Sandra Hultz.

# Ridgeland Spring Evening EMT



Ridgeland Spring Evening Emergency Medical Technician Program: (front row, left to right) Kevin Poole, Wade Kingston, Alexis Sibley, Marlie Sturgis, Jay-Mere Ellis, (middle row, left to right) Luke Crowe, Braden Johnson, Andras Kanyicska, Demarcus Smith, Charles Grogan, (back row, left to right) Sabryna Williams, Marley Hutchison, London Berch and Joanna DeLaughter. Not pictured: Instructors Yancy Brewer and Sandra Hultz.



# First-Year OTA



Ridgeland Campus Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology Program, First-Year Students: (front row, left to right) Keagan Hamilton, Kaitlyn Tipton, Avery Hill, Kaitlyn Blaine, Amelia Adcock, (second row, left to right) Te'Ambrya Ward, Trinity Phlegm, Haley Usry, Taylor Washington, (third row, left to right) Samantha Barnett, Mallory Fielder, Karlee Beth Kelley, (fourth row, left to right) Erin Cannon, Hannah Files, Brooklin Potee, Cassie Anders, (back row, left to right) Instructor Erica Fitzhugh, Shannadoah Sandifer, McKenzie Comer and Instructor Monica McDonald.

# Second-Year OTA



Ridgeland Campus Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology Program, Second-Year Students (front row, left to right) Madison del Rio, Madison Hall, Ania Thomas-Albrecht, Madden Brewer, (back row, left to right) Instructor Erica Fitzhugh, Ally Purvis, Lawanda Parks, Ja'Kora Eskridge and Instructor Monica McDonald.



# Ridgeland Day Practical Nursing



Ridgeland Practical Nursing Daytime Program: (seated front row, left to right) Darby Drew, Aah'Niya Smith, Coriyanna Benson, Michaela Martin, (standing front row, left to right) Ty'Keria Taylor, Akia Montgomery, (second row, left to right) Roshunna Taylor, Alondra Hopson, Raigan Davis, Maddox Ross, Lasondra Fletcher, Ayana Williams, Alexandria Taylor, (back row, left to right) Courtney McIntyre, Daneisha McGee, Brianne Daughtry, Janiah White, Abigail Barry and Joni Horn. Not pictured: Instructors Dr. Lakesia Sutton and Heather Roberts.

# Ridgeland Evening Practical Nursing



Ridgeland Campus Evening Practical Nursing Program: (front row, left to right) Anasia Williams, Donnisha Jackson, Jamonika Bacon, LaTavia Pendleton, Ariel James, Leah Miller, Koality Naylor, (back row, left to right) Cabrini Cooper, Corneisha McDonald, Jessica Smith, Jasmine Edwards, Alura Mack, Alishia Harmon, Cherica Bouldin and Melissa Patten. Not pictured: Instructors Mary Belk, Candice Buchanan and Dr. Christi Blair.



# Ridgeland ADN First-Year



Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing Program, First-Year Students: (front row, left to right) Sunnee Young, Jayme Griffin, Keandria Henry, Makayla Walley, Kaitlyn Holman, Avery Holland, Erianna Williams, Kadence Brown, Katelyn Nichols, Destinee Bolton, Jasmine Coleman, Makayla Evans, LeAshia Harris, Raven Spires, (middle row, left to right) Charity Boyd, Alexis Vaughan, Joshlyn Aumiller, McKenzie Belt, Hailey Hotelling, Tiffany Davis, Daija Wilson, Destini Jackson, Kaloni Thurmond, Kenya Johnson, Diamonique Horton-O'Neal, Jacquetta Wilson, Adarius Bolls, Austin Cole Seeley, (back row, left to right) Tynoka Lewis, TyYona Mister, MaKayla Pryce, Brenda Brock, Emily Morgan, Katherine Jones, Sentora Caston, Lauren Moore, Latrina Thomas, Iman Fortner, Dameria Beale, Keifer-Scott Morgan, Sarah Miller, Roslyn Clay and Jasmine Johnson. Not pictured: Instructors Dr. Alice Austin, Cindy Bridges, Jennifer Bertucci, Danette Tannehill and Lakeshia McGowan.

# Ridgeland ADN Second-Year



Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing, Second-Year Students: (front row, left to right) Hannah Rigby, Monisa Stallion, Shakara Roper, Kalicia Goldman, Ashely Butler, Chauncey Paige, Emily DeLashmet, Hunter Burwell, (middle row, left to right) Angela Tucker, Tilia Sanders, Robert Elbert, III, Joanna Mills, Olivia Dutro, Salayah Barnes, Stanleysha Warren, Marquese Wright, Rowdy Bishop, (back row, left to right) Jenny Clark, Abigail Ellzey, Anna Gowan, Mary Mayo, Peyton Johnson, Sara Self, Shyuanna Rodgers and Shatterrica Sumler. Not pictured: Instructors Dr. Alice Austin, Dr. Alicia Turner, Niki Walker, Cindy Bridges and Dr. Tiffany Cox.



# Ridgeland Evening ADN



Ridgeland Campus Evening/Weekend Associate Degree Nursing Program: (first row, left to right) Yasheaka Bell, Teresa Seymour, Yesenia Rivera, Jennifer Armitage, (second row, left to right) Diamond McCallum, Shelby Green, Madison Carpenter, Ruobing Alford, (third row, left to right) Kiara Williams, Cassidy Scott, Justin Warren, Ashley Ragan, (fourth row, left to right) Danielle Robinson, Mylia Engle, (fifth row, left to right) Jeremiah Allen, Wade Altobelli and (back row) Alexis Haynes. Not pictured: Destiny Rogers and ADN Instructors Dr. Alice Austin, Virginia Applewhite, Jennifer Bertucci, Cindy Bridges, Coretta Carter, Dr. Tiffany Cox, Lakiesha McGowan, Danette Tannehill, Dr. Alicia Turner and Niki Walker.

# STEM Club



Ridgeland Campus STEM Club: (front row, left to right) Bethany Barry, Anna McCarter, Emma McCarter, Elisyah Adams, C.J. Dedmon, (back row, left to right) Takeyma Luckett, Emily Roman, Uzair Amer, Kenyatta Ford, Grayson Green and Advisor Jennifer McGehee. Not pictured: Danyia McNair.



# Grenada Ambassadors



Grenada Ambassadors: (front row, left to right) Lexi McClain, Charli Woods, Addison Bloodworth, (middle row, left to right) Katie Grace Ray, Lora Cain, Caitlynn Bingham, (back row, left to right) Reid Blaylock, William Hobson and Owen Garrett. Not pictured: Advisor Haley DeNoon.

# Grenada SGA



Grenada Student Government Association (SGA): (left to right) Caitlynn Bingham; Jayney Ferguson; Melissa Falchi, vice president; Lexi McClain, president; Katie Grace Ray and William Hobson. Not pictured: Advisor Haley DeNoon.



# Grenada Baptist Student Union



Grenada Baptist Student Union (BSU): Pictured are members Alex Anderson, Kenny Avery, Christopher Michael Beard II, Reid Blaylock, John Cain, Lora Cain, Hannah Carpenter, Katelyn Collins, Olivia Cowley, Selena Gary, Braxton Griffin, Morgan Hobson, Preston Hollis, Summer Liles, Sarah Noah, Caden Patterson, Jenna Perry, Emilie Pickett, Dulce Ramirez, Katie Grace Ray, Conner Saxton, Alyssa Smitherman, India Thayer, Blake Williams, Charli Woods and BSU Director Allen Green.

# Grenada Content Creators Club



Grenada Content Creators Club: (left to right) Reid Blaylock, William Hobson, Caitlynn Bingham, Melissa Falchi, Lexi McClain, Katie Grace Ray, Charli Woods and Lora Cain. Not pictured: Advisor Haley DeNoon.



# Grenada Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Mu Beta Chapter Officers: (left to right) Katie Grace Ray, vice president of leadership; Lexi McClain, president and William Hobson, vice president of service. Not pictured: Advisors Cynthia Abel, Haley DeNoon and Gabrielle Hopkins.

# Grenada Surgical Tech



Grenada Surgical Technology Program: (left to right) Shaniqua Alford, Cody Hubbard, Alyssa Ballentine, Riley Boyd, Dequon Davis, Ashlyn Lee, Dru Chamblee, Chauncia Banks and Laci Roberson. Not pictured: Instructor Leah Mitchell.



# PTA First-Year



Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Program, First-Year Students: (left to right) Jaylon Walker, Markeeta Nelson, Madison Evilsizor, Kelly Goss, Victoria Martin, Kendyl Jones, Ivy Huff, Brandi Byrd and Abbie Ellington. Not pictured: Instructors Heather Pounds and Virginia Bryan.

# PTA Second-Year



Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Program, Second-Year Students: (left to right) Instructor Heather Pounds, Carly Flautt, Chasity Robertson, Kasharria Bush, Mady Leach, Joseph Lindley, Kaleb Daniels, Jake Franklin and Instructor Jenny Bryan.



# Grenada ADN Second-Year



Grenada Campus Associate Degree Nursing Program, Second-Year Students: Shecorey Allen, Alexis Arrington, Kasey Avent, Kristian Avery, Ally Bingham, Jamya Bowdry, Sharnell Bowdry, Stone Bowering, Whitney Brock, Nieshia Butts, Anthony DelGeorge, Linesha Harbin, Kandi Harris, Kaitlyn Haulcy, Dynaquia Hemphill, Misty Johnson, Rhondalyn Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Amber Killough, Kamelia Lacy, Chelsea Latham, Urhonda Lewis, Karrington Lofton, Karlee Manues, Bralyn McGee, Addison Meeks, Jessica Moore, Victorrio Murray, Stephanie Oliver, Lakendra Roby, Tyara Sledge, Precious Staten, Elliott Stephen, Shamorquesha Stevenson, Tasha Stewart, D'ariel Sykes, Madison Terrell, Makaylah Thompson, Brianna Vaughn, Asia Wade, Mackenzie Ward, Harlee Whitten, Michaela Wilson, Tehya Woods and Alexandria Wright. Not pictured: Instructors Cherrie Winter, Patty Jones, Deandra Gibson, Gwendolyn Lordeon, Lovie Collier Rodela, Michelle Crawford, Eydie Ricks, Amanda Jones and Vivian McGee.

# Grenada ADN Class of 2025



Grenada Campus Associate Degree Nursing Program Class of 2025: Holly Allbritton, Taylor Arrington, Aiden Bensch, Dylan Blakley, Brittney Dean, Jennifer Ewing, Jordan Gatlin, Kendall Gibson, Cheyenne Gooch, Audreanna Hair, Janie Herbert, Christin Hill, Felicia Hollis, Cheslee King, Ashley Kitchens, Brittany Lawrence, Jalana Mack, Davis Martin, Jay Matthews, Marissa McCool, Corie Miller, Lillie Katherine Mooney, Alyssa Morton, Jennifer Potts, Paige Self, Kayla Standrod, Tiye Strong, Lillian Thornton, Lisa Trusty and Breonica Roby-Wise. Not pictured: Instructors Cherrie Winter, Patty Jones, Deandra Gibson, Gwendolyn Lordeon, Lovie Collier Rodela, Michelle Crawford, Eydie Ricks, Amanda Jones and Vivian McGee.



# Grenada Practical Nursing



Heather Rostler  
Instructor



Kate Barlow  
Instructor



Casey Welch  
Instructor



Lauren Dees  
Instructor



Kallish Durchfield



Ashley Carpenter



Kiara Davis



Selara Deese



Estrella Dimas



Tarilyn Elliott

## Holmes Community College Practical Nursing Class of 2025



Tamera Ellis



Jerry Farmer



Takiya Hemphill



Amber Henney



Jasmine Kimble



Jakyia Lewis



Kayla Minyard



Za'Kayla Owens



Jade Ruth



Caroline Smith



Natalie Strong



Leslie Taylor



Tayshun Taylor



Jakyia Wicks



Josie Williams



Christopher Winslow



Memree Young

Not Pictured  
Tykerah Boclair



# Grenada EMT Fall



Grenada Emergency Medical Technician Class Fall 2025: (left to right) Gabriel Martin, Marlee Caswell, Chelsea Heffner, Amanda Malpice, Jymaia McCarroll and Cayden Kerr. Not pictured: Instructor Latisha Beasley.

# Grenada EMT Spring



Grenada Emergency Medical Technician Class Fall 2026: (left to right) Shaundarius Miller, Sophia Whitaker, Princess Carr, Xscavia Woods, Tasia Bryant, Shane Baxter, George McCrory, Brianna Terry and Grantland Crofford. Not pictured: Instructor Latisha Beasley.



# Growl Staff Members 2025-26



**Bennett Brantley**  
Ridgeland Campus



**Owen Clark**  
Goodman Campus



**Jasmiah Collier**  
Ridgeland Campus



**Christopher "C.J." Dedmon**  
Ridgeland Campus



**Daylan Henderson**  
Ridgeland Campus



**M.J. Kersh**  
Ridgeland Campus



**Emma McCarter**  
Ridgeland Campus



**Lexus Mullins**  
Grenada Campus



**Kennedi Proctor**  
Ridgeland Campus

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# Bulldogs in Action:

Holmes students connect, learn and lead through clubs and organizations (and at events put together by clubs and organizations) across the district



Goodman Campus students have fun with the Circus-themed back-to-school bash in the fall of 2025.



OTA students Mallory Fielder, Hannah Files and Karlee Beth Kelley enjoy hot chocolate during the Christmas festivities.



Grenada Campus students are all smiles with their popcorn at a back-to-school event.



The Goodman Campus STEM Department celebrates National STEM Day by hosting a "Good Day Event." Sophomore STEM students assisted with microscopes and encouraged students to explore the possibilities of STEM.



SGA hosts a paint party and movie day in Grenada, giving students a chance to relax, get creative and show off their talent.



Ridgeland Practical Nursing students host their annual Culture Fest, researching and presenting on global cultures to better understand how cultural traditions and diets influence patient care.



Grenada's Phi Theta Kappa students celebrate First-Generation College Students by showcasing stories of determination and achievement. The Story Board Wall featured inspiring accounts from first-generation students, staff and community members. Pictured are (left to right) Dulce Ramirez and Alex Anderson.



Goodman ADN students participated in a county-wide disaster drill hosted by Baptist Attala on Oct. 16, 2025, assisting first responders and emergency room staff during a tornado simulation involving 30 victims.





Mississippi State University President Dr. Mark Keenum visited the Holmes Ridgeland Campus, meeting with Holmes leaders and enjoying lunch prepared and served by Culinary Arts students. (left) The culinary arts students prepare the delicious meal. (right) Ridgeland Campus Ambassadors pose with Dr. Mark Keenum.



Grenada evening ADN and EMS students jump into action during a mass casualty simulation.



The Counseling Office, Phi Theta Kappa and Student Support Services on the Goodman Campus invited the Mississippi Department of Health to present: Shatter the Silence, a campaign to encourage young people to talk about their feelings with friends and trusted adults.



Ridgeland students enjoy the Ridge Day hosted by Phi Theta Kappa and Engineering Tech.



The Electrical Linemen program runs "Major's Truck Expo" during Homecoming 2025, allowing attendees to check out industry vehicles and even take a ride in the bucket truck.



SGA hosted the Mississippi Animal Rescue League on the Ridgeland Campus, where students took a break from exams to pet puppies while donating supplies for local animals.



The Steel Band plays for potential students during Major Experience.



Pictured is the Grenada Campus Practical Nursing Class of 2025 following their Pinning Ceremony.



Goodman Nursing II set up their community projects outside Carroll Cafeteria to present to campus. The projects were centered around health issues students and instructors might be facing on a regular basis.



The Grenada Campus spent Halloween Eve mixing it up with the Spooky STEM Fest AND a Costume Contest!

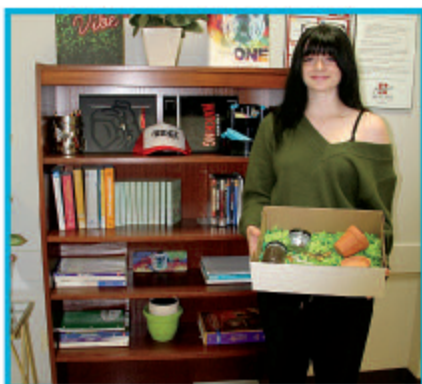


MOSAIC represented during Homecoming 2025, holding a raffle to support the organization.



# Moments that Matter:

Not only clubs and organizations, but also campus departments help strengthen community, create lasting memories and represent Holmes beyond campus



Ridgeland student Hallie Swilley created "Planting for Pollinators" kits for classmates in Arnetra Pleas' class to support bees and biodiversity as part of a problem-solution essay project.



Dazzler Ryleigh Scott is all smiles on the sidelines.



Holmes Culinary Arts students volunteered at the annual Mississippi ProStart® Invitational (MPSI), presented by US Foods, on March 3.



The Goodman Campus Social & Behavioral Science Honor's group toured the Mississippi State Hospital (Whitfield). In attendance were: Alana Bogan, Jamarion Harris, Idris Harris, Kambria Thrasher, Zoey Miller, Makalya Mabry, Abby Lee, Sophie Bell, Amariah Taylor and faculty member Rhonda Jefcoat.



Massage Therapy students give Homecoming attendees massages on Oct. 23, as part of the festivities.



Grenada PTA students stop for a photo during a Career and Transfer Fair.



Students on the Goodman Campus explored majors and career paths during the QEP seminar "Major Decisions: Find Your Fit, Not Just Your Degree." Pictured (left to right) are Ridgeland VP Dr. Bronwyn Martin, Goodman VP Andy Wood, panelist Lucas Price, panelist Dr. Lily Fran Guastella, panelist Dr. Dudley Moore and QEP Director Bethany Miller.



Anna Box, Advisor Stephanie Blue, Mary Canard and Milka Maehata wait on the new Phi Theta Kappa inductees to come pick up their certificates (and their Chik-Fil-A lunch) during a grab-and-go ceremony on March 2.





Holmes Grenada LPN students join Physical Therapist Assistant students for Mobility Lab, gaining valuable hands-on experience in patient mobility and teamwork.



Katrena Harris's Introduction to Criminal Justice class at Holmes Ridgeland had an exciting day participating in the "How to Get Away with Murder Skit."



Coachmen singers perform during Major Experience.



Ridgeland students, faculty and staff enjoy the flower bouquet-making offered by SGA and Ambassadors for Valentine's Day.



Goodman Instructor Hannah Jobe's Principles of Biology II class collects samples from the Holmes Lake in Goodman and views them under the microscope on Feb. 9.



Ridgeland faculty and staff show their support for the American Heart Association on "Go Red for Women" Day.



Melissa Love, Maggie Robinson and Dr. Bronwyn Martin represent the Holmes Ridgeland Campus at the Red Carpet Rollout celebrating the Best of the Best nominees for Hometown Madison Magazine. Holmes was nominated as "Best Place to Work."



Ridgeland community service club Grands & Gadgets assists residents at The Waterford retirement home on Tuesday, Nov. 18.



In lab on Feb. 26, General Biology II students in Dr. Antoine Gates' class simulated a tumor biopsy using model tissue to refine precision, measurement and proper dissection technique.



Grenada General Biology I students took their learning beyond the classroom with a trip to the Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery at Enid Lake, connecting science to the real world in the best way.



Goodman Campus student Demeia Harris lights the candle during the Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony.



Cosmetology students share about the program with high schoolers during Major Experience.



# ADULT EDUCATION



Holmes students inducted included: Christopher Bellew, Grace Berch, Lonnie Chaney, Gwendolyn Cunningham, Sara DeMoney, Taveon Ford, Braxden Hill, Lauren Lee, Promise Mason, Aubrey McCarty, Shanelika Moore, Oterria Moss, Chloe Palato, Felicia Perry, Avery Staten, Alexandria Sylvester, Willie Mae Watts, Stefanie West, John Timothy Williams and Zoey Williams.

In 2025, 21 Holmes Community College students were inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society in the multipurpose room of the Career-Technical Building. To qualify for NAEHS membership, adult education students must demonstrate the following attributes: 1. Dependable attendance 2. Cooperative attitude 3. Work ethic. All enrolled adult education students are eligible for NAEHS membership including ESOL, ABE, Literacy, HSD and GED students. Adult Education Honor Society members received a letter of recommendation for employment from their NAEHS chapter, an NAEHS membership certificate and pin during the school's induction ceremony. Guests included Representative Fabian Nelson and Brandy Ratliff of MCCB. Nelson also presented the inductees with a resolution from the legislature.



## Attala Center Adult Ed graduates 2025

included (front row, left to right) Christopher Bellew, Andrea Mondy, Zoey Williams, Anna Cabiniss, Aubrey McCarty, John Timothy Williams; (back row, left to right) Instructor Sabrina Moore, Madeline Easley, Hayden Watson, Graydon Atwood, Braxden Hill, Landen McMillon, Cody Sanderock, Bryson Hollowell and Ava Atkinson.



## Ridgeland Campus Adult Ed graduates 2025

included (front row, left to right) Chloe Palato, Ivyunna Roberts, Alaya Levine, Elizabeth Turner, Sara DeMoney and Instructor Marlena Simon; (back row, left to right) Nassir Dobbey, Promise Mason, Keshawn Williams, Oterria Moss and Denise Washington.



## Yazoo Center Adult Ed graduates 2025

included (left to right) Jeshua Benson, Willie Mae Watts, Instructor Daphne Higgins, Shanelika Moore and Theodora Cork.



The Holmes Community College Adult Education joined other AE programs around the country to unite adult learners, community partners, business leaders, legislators and friends of adult education to raise awareness regarding educational opportunities for students striving to achieve success through a high school equivalency and/or workforce development.



Pictured is the Ridgeland Campus Adult Ed class.



Pictured is the Attala Center Adult Education class.



Pictured is the Yazoo Center Adult Education class.



Holmes joined adult education programs from across Mississippi at **Adult Education Day at the Capitol** on March 5, 2026. The event gave students, educators, and staff the opportunity to connect with members of the Mississippi Legislature, share their experiences, and highlight the importance of adult education across the state. Coordinated by Sarah Ward of the Grenada Adult Education Center and the State Advocate for Adult Education Fellowship (SAAEF), the day emphasized the continued advocacy and visibility of adult education programs. Holmes also holds the distinction of having two of the state's six past SAAEF Fellows leading efforts to support and represent Mississippi's adult learners.





# Student Athletics





Cheerleaders celebrate their love for the college in 1988. There truly is "No Place like Holmes."



Holmes cheerleaders show off their stunts at the 2025 Homecoming pep rally.



# BULLDOG FOOTBALL

The 2025 Holmes Community College Bulldogs entered the season with momentum after returning to the MACCC playoffs for the first time since 2002 and bringing back 25 players from last year's roster. Head Coach Marcus Wood led the program in his fourth season, supported by returning assistants C.J. Johnson as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, Kam Myers as offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach and De'Andre Johnson as quarterbacks coach and pass game coordinator. Holmes completed the year with a 3-6 record while continuing to build a foundation of discipline and development throughout the roster.

The program welcomed two new coaches who brought extensive experience and new energy to the staff. Among them was Atlanta native Brandon Varner, who joined the Bulldogs as defensive line coach and strength and conditioning coordinator after serving in

the same role at Mississippi Valley State. Taylorsville native Derek Welch also joined the staff as defensive backs coach and special teams coordinator following recent coaching stints at Alcorn State, Northeastern State and Mississippi Valley State. Together, the new additions added depth to a staff focused on elevating the program's competitiveness in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

Varner arrived at Holmes with a strong resume shaped by his playing and coaching career. A former four-year Grambling State standout, he played one season on the offensive line and three on the defensive line, helping the Tigers capture two SWAC Championships and an HBCU Black College Football National Championship. He earned preseason and postseason All-SWAC honors and twice appeared on the Black College Football Hall of Fame Watch List. During his college career, he



**Marcus Wood**  
Head Football Coach



**C.J. Johnson**  
Assistant Head  
Coach/Defensive  
Coordinator/LB Coach



**Kameron Myers**  
Offensive Coordinator/  
Wide Receiver Coach



**De'Andre Johnson**  
QB Coach &  
Pass Game Coordinator



**Brandon Varner**  
DL Coach and Strength &  
Conditioning Coordinator



**Derek Welch**  
DB Coach and Special Teams  
Coordinator



**Jermaine Jones**  
Offensive Line  
Coach/Recruiting Coordinator



recorded 68 tackles, including 17.5 for loss and 9.5 sacks, along with six quarterback hurries, five pass breakups, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Varner went on to coach at Bossier High and Peabody Magnet High School in Louisiana before joining the college ranks, where he built a reputation for player development and defensive line performance. His experience, paired with his strength and conditioning background, provided Holmes athletes with year-round training support and technical growth.

Welch also brought a wide-ranging coaching background to the Bulldogs, beginning with early roles at UT-Martin and Southern Arkansas. He later coached at Northwestern State, East Central Community College and Mississippi Valley State, where his defenses produced 12 all-conference selections, including the school's single-season sack leader. A former standout athlete at

Taylorsville High School, he lettered in football, basketball and track and still holds the school's single-season touchdown record. His experience coordinating defenses and special teams strengthened Holmes' scheme and player development on the back end.

Despite a challenging schedule, Holmes celebrated significant individual success, placing 12 players on the All-MACCC Team. Sophomore quarterback Chase Richardson earned First Team honors, while E.J. Segrest, Colston Bennett, J.J. Harrell, Trey Pettway and Jeremy Atkins secured Second Team selections. Honorable mentions included Braylon McKinion, Kam'Ron Robinson, Hubert Broadnax, Jaylin Rogers, Kendrick Davis and D.J. Welch. Their achievements reflected the program's growing talent and the coaching staff's commitment to elevating Holmes football as the Bulldogs look ahead to the next chapter.



**Andy Wood**  
Director of Athletics



**Steve Diffey**  
Associate Athletic Director for External Relations



**Susie Jackson**  
Coordinator of Athletic Programs/Game Administrator



**Audrey Young**  
Head Athletic Trainer



**Buster Bueche**  
Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer



**Rufus Butler**  
Team Manager



**Ken Hunter**  
Team Manager



**Shondarick Judge**  
Team Manager



**Allen Landrum**  
Team Manager



**Nate Lawson**  
Team Manager



**Carson Lee**  
Team Manager



**Allen Oliver**  
Team Manager



## SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                                     | SCORE    |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 08.28.25 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *                | L, 34-6  |
| 09.04.25 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College                         | L, 30-13 |
| 09.11.25 | Coahoma Community College * ^                            | W, 53-14 |
| 09.18.25 | Northeast Mississippi Community College * *              | W, 43-27 |
| 09.27.25 | Jones College                                            | L, 38-28 |
| 10.09.25 | Mississippi Delta Community College * ^                  | W, 47-0  |
| 10.16.25 | Itawamba Community College * * ^                         | L, 44-28 |
| 10.23.25 | Northwest Mississippi Community College * * ^ Homecoming | L, 45-10 |
| 10.30.25 | East Mississippi Community College * ^                   | L, 50-39 |

# Home events \* Conference ^ Division % Postseason





#0 Kendrick Davis  
LB



#1 Kam'Ron Robinson  
DB



#1 D.J. Welch  
WR



#2 Ja'Marion Bennett  
DB



#2 K.J. Miller  
WR



#3 Chase Richardson  
QB



#4 Jekerious Williams  
WR/DB



#5 Tristin Purnell  
WR



#6 Cam Joseph  
WR



#7 Jaleil Cameron  
WR/ATH



#7 E.J. Segrest  
LB



#8 Cayden Burger  
WR/RB



#9 J.J. Harrell  
WR



#10 Dalyn Jackson  
WR



#11 P.J. Pace  
DB



#12 Martavious Brown  
LB



#13 Jamarius Grayer  
WR



#14 KrisJeohn Burks  
WR



#15 Erik Gilkey  
QB



#16 B.J. Johnson  
WR



#17 Cole McCarty  
QB



#18 Jer'Kel Ivy  
WR



#19 Zauri Hughes  
DE/TE



#20 Kamar Houston  
DB



#21 Jordan O'Briant  
DB



#22 Jeremy Atkins  
DB



#23 DeCorey Knight  
RB



#24 Nireek Sharpe  
DB



#25 Kebian Gilmore  
LB



#26 Chance Richardson  
DB



#27 DeKasei Crump  
DB



#28 Jamyran Cross  
DB





#29 Jamar Teague  
DB



#31 Nicholas Kilpatrick  
DB



#32 Elijah O'Briant  
LB



#35 Jayden Hicks  
LB



#36 Jalen Smith  
LB



#37 Tyricco Henderson  
DL



#38 Easton Sartin  
RB



#41 L.J. Reynolds  
LB



#42 Eddie Holly  
LB



#43 Jamoris Davis  
DL



#44 Ekeelum Grant  
LB



#45 Jake Rodgers  
LB



#46 Landon Carson  
DL



#50 Braylon McKinion  
OL



#51 Jaylin Rogers  
OL



#54 Don McGee  
OL



#55 Jaylon Ina  
DL



#60 Dewayne Brown  
OL



#61 Jon Stephens  
OL



#63 Jordyn Ashford  
OL



#65 Zion Jones  
OL



#73 Brandon Elam  
OL



#77 Sean McGill  
OL



#78 Cole Parker  
OL



#79 Hubert Broadnax  
OL



#83 Colston Bennett  
K/P



#84 Connor Helms  
LS



#87 Dan Lindsay  
K/P



#88 Kaden Briggs  
DL



#90 Montaine Bonner  
DL



#91 Sebastian Ford II  
DL



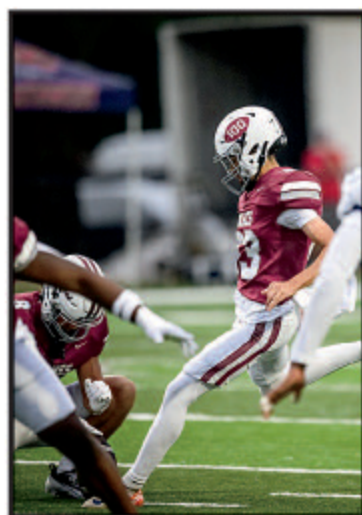
#92 Malik Bell  
DL



#95 Trey Pettway  
DL



# BULLDOG FOOTBALL









# BULLDOG CHEER



It was a remarkable season for the Holmes Cheerleaders. Led by a strong 16-member sophomore class and supported by 10 freshmen for a total roster of 26, the team opened the year at UCA College Spirit Camp at the University of Alabama, earning Superior Ribbons in Sideline, Performance Timeout and Game Day Timeout, along with the Traditions Award for Game Day Class.

Throughout football and basketball seasons, the cheerleaders energized crowds during numerous victories and exciting games. Beyond athletics, the squad remained actively involved in community

service and campus events, including Meet the Bulldogs, Holmes pep rallies, district high school pep rallies, the City of Benton Christmas Parade, Freshman Friday and Major Experience. The team traveled to UCA College Nationals in Orlando, Fla., in January and competed in both the Open Small Coed Game Day and Open Small Coed Traditional Routine. Scoring one of the program's highest-ever scores, the team placed in the top 10 of each.

Through their dedication, spirit and service, the cheerleaders play a vital role in promoting school pride while serving as positive role models across campus.





Stephanie Bratcher



Memrie Cox



Abby Crockett



Cole Estes



Paisley Grisham



Brayden Hall



Lily Hostetler



Cameron Howell



Akeelah Hunt



Lillie Kate Jones



Alexis Miller



Lawson Nichols



Shelbee Nipper



Daynie Parish



Greyson Patton



Raven Pernel



Anna Claire Poynor



Laila Pryor



Kaye Louise Purvis



Ella Posey Sanders



Rayann Sanders



Hays Sills



Caden Smith



Alli Sparks



Landon Thornton



Tristin Wilson



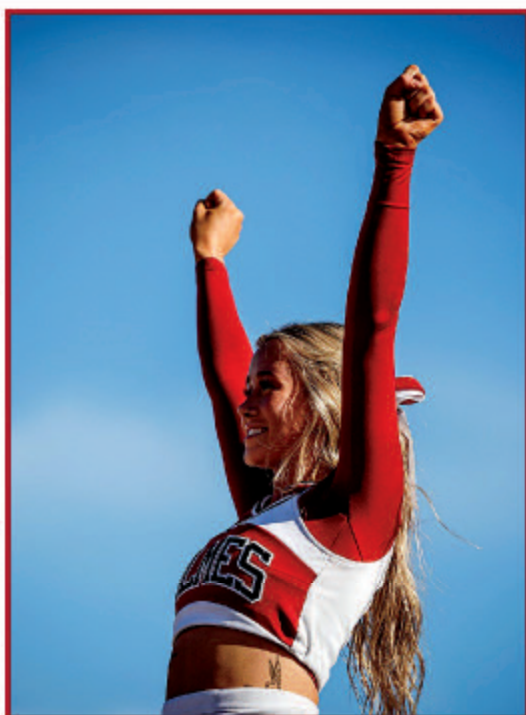
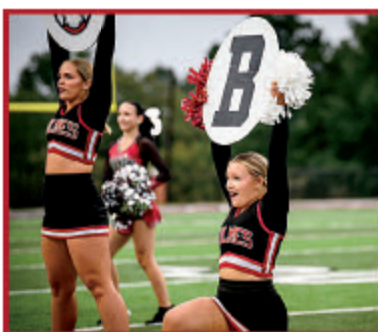
Head Coach  
Heather Jones



# BULLDOG CHEER









# LADY BULLDOG SOCCER

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs capped a remarkable 2025 season with a national semifinal appearance, finishing 17-3 overall and capturing the MACCC championship, the program's fifth title in the past seven years. Holmes advanced to its fifth NJCAA semifinal in the last six national tournaments, reinforcing its place among the nation's elite programs.

"Our 2025 team was such a great group of both talent and people," said Head Women's Soccer Coach Wesley Noble. "They finished as a top four team in the country once again, while winning the conference title in the best league in the country. The way they compete on a daily basis is a huge reason for the success, but how they love and treat one another is what really sets them apart."

Holmes earned pool play victories over Rock Valley, 3-0, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, 1-0, before a hard-fought 2-1 semifinal loss to Heartland Community College of Illinois. Tyler Grace Sims scored late in the 84th minute, and the Lady Bulldogs

outshot Heartland 18-4, with 7-3 in shots on goal. Sims and Daysha Taylor earned NJCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-Tournament Team honors.

Seven Lady Bulldogs were named to the All-MACCC team: First-team selections were Maddie Caldwell, Kaylee Avant, Sims and Taylor; Lilly Callum earned second-team honors, while Aly Vancor and Brooklynn Samonski received honorable mention. Caldwell, Avant, Sims and Taylor were also considered for NJCAA All-Region honors.

The 2025 season also marked the addition of coaches Beau Bartholomew as goalkeeper coach and Hardy Lewis as assistant coach for both the men's and women's programs, strengthening Holmes' player development and overall depth.

Coach Noble reflected on the impact of his sophomores. "We are forever grateful for our sophomores and all they poured into our program. We ask them all to leave it better than they found it; they certainly did that."



**Wesley Noble**  
Head Coach



**Hardy Lewis**  
Assistant Coach



**Beau Bartholomew**  
Goalkeeper Coach



**Miguel Molina**  
Volunteer Assistant Coach



**Sarah Keeton Odom**  
Volunteer Assistant Coach



**Keith Comish**  
Athletic Trainer





#0 Lilly Callum  
Goalkeeper



#1 Aly Vancor  
Goalkeeper



#2 Rylee Kirkland  
Forward



#3 Raven Pernel  
Forward



#4 Brenna Sanford  
Defender



#5 London Martinez  
Midfielder



#6 Myla Thortis  
Defender



#7 Mallory Sutton  
Forward



#8 Kate DeAngelo  
Midfielder



#9 Kate Gray Nesbit  
Forward



#10 Tyler Grace Sims  
Midfielder



#11 Kaylee Avant  
Midfielder



#12 Zion Causey  
Forward



#13 Brooklynn Samonski  
Midfielder



#14 Daysha Taylor  
Defender



#15 Sidney Clare Sing  
Defender



#16 Jessica Adamson  
Forward



#18 Anna Beth Korhonen  
Midfielder



#19 Rosamaria Ibarra  
Forward



#20 Maddie Caldwell  
Midfielder



#22 Emma Korhonen  
Forward



#23 Lillian Moody  
Forward



#24 Jacie Rouse  
Defender



#25 Akala Jacobs  
Forward



Kellen Maurer  
Manager



# LADY BULLDOG SOCCER







# SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                                                  | SCORE  |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 08.26.25 | Southern Union State Community College                                | W, 1-0 |
| 08.29.25 | Pensacola State College # @Vicksburg, Miss.                           | W, 7-0 |
| 08.31.25 | Dallas College Brookhaven #                                           | W, 2-0 |
| 09.05.25 | St. Louis Community College @ St. Louis, Mo.                          | W, 8-0 |
| 09.07.25 | Northeast Community College # @ St. Louis, Mo.                        | W, 2-0 |
| 09.16.25 | Itawamba Community College # *                                        | W, 3-0 |
| 09.19.25 | Meridian Community College *                                          | W, 5-0 |
| 09.23.25 | Pearl River Community College # *                                     | L, 2-1 |
| 09.26.25 | East Central Community College *                                      | W, 3-2 |
| 10.03.25 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College # *                          | W, 2-1 |
| 10.07.25 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *                             | W, 2-0 |
| 10.10.25 | Jones College *                                                       | W, 2-1 |
| 10.14.25 | Northwest Mississippi Community College # *                           | W, 2-1 |
| 10.21.25 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College *                                    | W, 2-1 |
| 10.24.25 | East Mississippi Community College # *                                | W, 4-0 |
| 10.28.25 | Hinds Community College *                                             | W, 3-0 |
| 11.05.25 | Northwest Mississippi Community College # % ~                         | L, 2-1 |
| 11.05.25 | Jones College # % ~                                                   | L, 2-1 |
| 11.16.25 | Rock Valley College # % @ Wichita, KS NJCAA DII Championship - Pool D | W, 3-0 |
| 11.17.25 | Mississippi Gulf Coast CC # % @ Wichita, Kansas NJCAA Championship    | L, 2-0 |
| 11.18.25 | Mississippi Gulf Coast CC # % @ Wichita, Kansas NJCAA Championship    | W, 1-0 |
| 11.20.25 | Heartland CC # % @ Wichita, Kansas NJCAA DII Championship-Semifinal   | L, 2-1 |

# Home events \* Conference % Postseason ~ Gulf South District Semifinals



# BULLDOG SOCCER

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs finished the season 8–11–1 overall. This year, they returned 10 players from the 2024–25 squad for the 2025–26 men's soccer season under head coach Matt Convertino.

"The 2025 season was a great year for the team," Coach Convertino said. "Having the most wins in a season since 2015 is something we can be proud of. We jumped out to 6-3-1 but unfortunately we were hit hard with injuries during the last month of the season with nine players out injured. That being said, we had a great group of guys who stuck together through thick and thin and made it an enjoyable season. We will miss our sophomores dearly and thank them for their contributions to the program."

The Bulldogs strengthened their staff with the addition of assistant coach Hardy Lewis, who joined both the men's and women's programs. Lewis also coaches with Rankin SC and MS Rush United and previously spent time with Brilla Juniors, Greenville Blues and the Cleveland Youth Soccer

Association. A Brandon native, he grew up playing with Brandon FC, MS Rush United and Brandon High School before earning First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Region and All-American honors at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. He later played at Delta State, helping the 2023–24 team reach the GSC Conference Final.

Goalkeeper coach Beau Bartholomew also joined the staff, bringing a strong playing and coaching background to the program. A Mississippi native and former Northwest Rankin standout, he helped lead his high school team to a 2019 North State Championship and competed with elite clubs including Mississippi Rush, Brilla and RSE. Bartholomew played for Holmes during the 2019–20 season and now coaches keepers across multiple age groups with RSE and Rush, adding valuable expertise to the Bulldogs' development system.

The 2025 season showcased the Bulldogs' commitment to growth, teamwork and competitive play, setting the stage for continued success in the years to come.



**Matt Convertino**  
Head Coach



**Hardy Lewis**  
Assistant Coach



**Keith Comish**  
Athletic Trainer

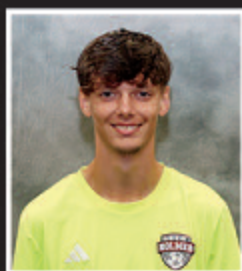


**Beau Bartholomew**  
Goalkeeper Coach

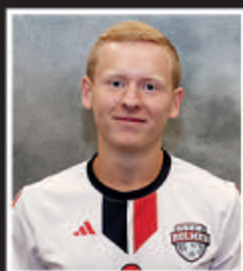




#0 Jesus Estrada  
Goalkeeper



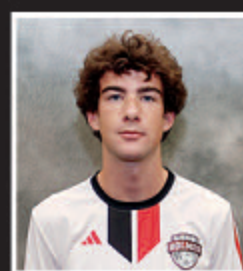
#1 Jaydon Smith  
Goalkeeper



#2 Jeremy Heflin  
Defender



#3 Landon Campbell  
Midfielder



#4 Thomas Martin  
Defender



#5 Tyler Bogard  
Defender



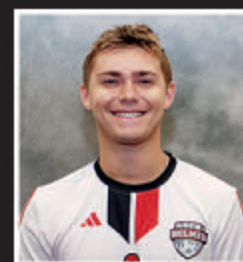
#6 Samir Garmakani  
Defender



#7 Marcus Moore  
Forward



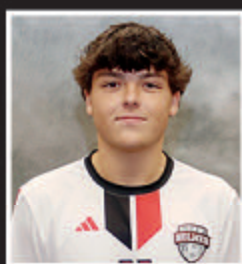
#8 Hunter Freeny  
Midfielder



#9 Brady Peacock  
Forward



#10 Alejandro Robles  
Midfielder



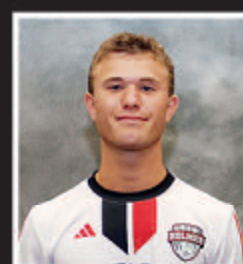
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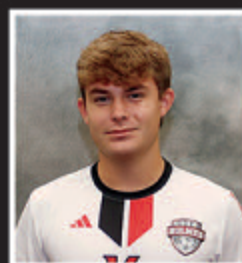
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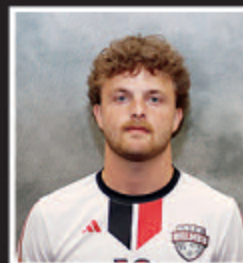
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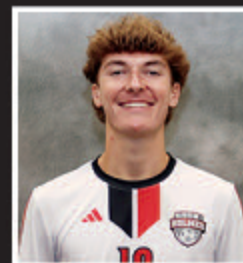
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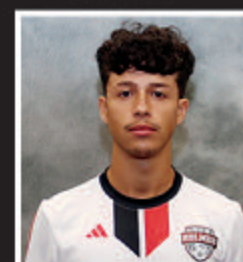
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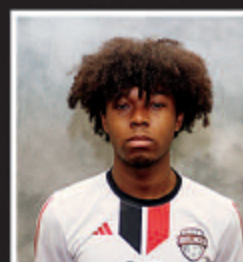
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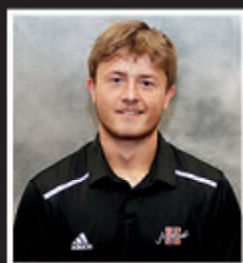
#23 Brandon Shaffer  
Forward



#24 Hayden Boykin  
Forward



#26 Miguel Matias  
Defender



John Frederick Barbour  
Manager



Judson Brace  
Manager



# BULLDOG SOCCER







# SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                                    | SCORE   |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 08.21.25 | Wallace State Community College-Hanceville *            | L, 1-0  |
| 08.22.25 | Enterprise State Community College * @5735 College Pkwy | W, 3-1  |
| 08.26.25 | Tougaloo College *                                      | W, 15-1 |
| 08.30.25 | Northeast Alabama Community College *                   | W, 1-0  |
| 09.04.25 | Dallas College Mountain View *                          | L, 1-0  |
| 09.06.25 | Andrew College *                                        | W, 4-0  |
| 09.12.25 | Central Georgia Technical College * @Birmingham, Ala.   | W, 3-0  |
| 09.13.25 | Oxford College of Emory University * @ Birmingham, Ala. | W, 2-0  |
| 09.16.25 | Itawamba Community College *                            | L, 3-0  |
| 09.19.25 | Meridian Community College *                            | T, 2-2  |
| 09.23.25 | Pearl River Community College *                         | L, 3-1  |
| 09.26.25 | East Central Community College *                        | L, 4-1  |
| 10.03.25 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College *              | L, 2-0  |
| 10.07.25 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *               | L, 4-0  |
| 10.10.25 | Jones College *                                         | L, 2-1  |
| 10.14.25 | Northwest Mississippi Community College *               | W, 4-2  |
| 10.18.25 | Dallas College Cedar Valley *                           | W, 2-0  |
| 10.21.25 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College *                      | L, 3-0  |
| 10.24.25 | East Mississippi Community College *                    | L, 6-0  |
| 10.28.25 | Hinds Community College *                               | L, 9-1  |

\* Home events \* Conference



# LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL

The 2025–26 campaign marked another hard-fought chapter for the Holmes Lady Bulldogs under the veteran leadership of fifth-year Head Coach Bridget Goodnight. The coaching staff gained a sophisticated new edge with the addition of assistant Nathan Roberts, who brought prestigious Division I experience from Troy University to the Goodman Campus. Roberts' expertise in scouting and player development proved invaluable as the Lady Bulldogs successfully blended a seasoned returning core—Kelsey Joseph, Hannah Finley, Da'Riyah Mayers and Kiara Shelly—with a talented group of newcomers, including standout freshman Zion Harvey and transfer Jazma Hooks. This synergy between veteran stability and fresh energy allowed the team to navigate one of the most demanding schedules in the MACCC.

The season was defined by high-intensity performances and dramatic finishes that kept fans on the edge of their seats. None was more memorable than the MACCC opener, where Zion Harvey sank a thrilling buzzer-beating three-pointer to defeat Northeast Mississippi. This momentum carried through a dominant season sweep of Hinds, where

the team showcased elite offensive efficiency by shooting 50 percent from the floor. Another marquee moment came in a gritty 71-60 victory over East Mississippi, a contest fueled by Mayers' commanding 14-rebound performance. Throughout the winter, the Lady Bulldogs battled through a grueling conference gauntlet against perennial powerhouses like Pearl River and Gulf Coast, consistently showcasing the resilience and defensive hustle that have become hallmarks of Coach Goodnight's program.

The Lady Bulldogs earned a hard-won postseason berth in the Region 23 Tournament, traveling to face Jones College in the opening round. Though the Bobcats ultimately secured a 77-55 win, the Lady Bulldogs fought until the final whistle, with Harvey leading the effort with 13 points and Mayers cleaning up the glass with nine rebounds. Closing the season with a balanced 13-13 overall record, the team's performance stood as a testament to their year-long growth and unwavering commitment to the 100-year legacy of Holmes athletics. From clutch shooting to selfless teamwork, the 2025–26 Lady Bulldogs proved that the spirit of the program remains as strong as ever as it enters its second century.



**Bridget Goodnight**  
Head Coach



**Nathan Roberts**  
Assistant Coach





#1 Stella Havard  
Guard



#2 Kelsey Joseph  
Guard



#3 Samora Moody  
Guard



#4 Hannah Finley  
Guard



#5 Jessica Cullins  
Guard



#10 Lakayla Lewis  
Forward



#11 Da'Riyah Mayers  
Forward



#12 Zipora Sullivan  
Guard



#22 Jazma Hooks  
Guard



#24 Zion Harvey  
Guard



#25 Cynia Johnson  
Forward



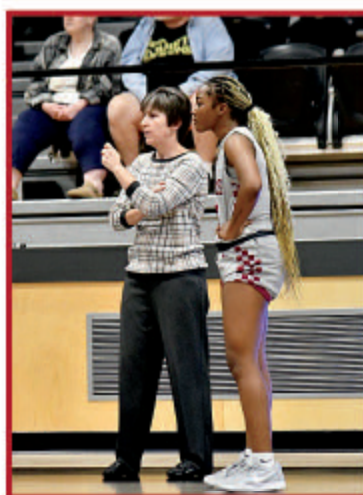
#32 Kiara Shelly  
Guard/Forward



# LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL







# SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                             | SCORE    |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 11.01.25 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College *               | L, 68-66 |
| 11.04.25 | Delgado Community College *                      | W, 93-51 |
| 11.10.25 | East Mississippi Community College               | W, 59-52 |
| 11.13.25 | Baton Rouge Community College                    | L, 63-40 |
| 11.20.24 | Delgado Community College                        | W, 68-63 |
| 11.24.25 | Mississippi Delta Community College *            | W, 55-47 |
| 12.03.25 | Baton Rouge Community College *                  | W, 60-59 |
| 12.05.25 | Hinds Community College                          | W, 75-68 |
| 12.08.25 | Northwest Mississippi Community College          | L, 72-58 |
| 12.11.25 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *        | W, 69-39 |
| 01.07.26 | Williams Baptist JV                              | W, 83-75 |
| 01.12.26 | Northeast Mississippi Community College *        | W, 63-60 |
| 01.15.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College *        | L, 72-54 |
| 01.20.26 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College *               | W, 74-69 |
| 01.22.26 | Pearl River Community College *                  | L, 69-39 |
| 01.29.26 | Jones College *                                  | L, 67-52 |
| 01.31.26 | Meridian Community College *                     | L, 70-62 |
| 02.02.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *        | L, 55-47 |
| 02.05.26 | Hinds Community College *                        | W, 86-62 |
| 02.09.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College *       | L, 68-56 |
| 02.12.26 | East Central Community College *                 | W, 66-62 |
| 02.16.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College *            | L, 58-55 |
| 02.19.26 | East Mississippi Community College *             | W, 71-60 |
| 02.26.26 | Itawamba Community College *                     | L, 84-46 |
| 03.02.26 | Coahoma Community College *                      | L, 75-53 |
| 03.05.26 | Jones College % Region 23 Tournament First Round | L, 77-55 |

\* Home events \* Conference % Postseason



# BULLDOG BASKETBALL

The 2025–26 campaign was a standout year for the Holmes Community College Bulldogs, who finished the season with an impressive 20-8 overall record. Under the expert leadership of Head Coach Jason Flanigan—marking his 21st year at Holmes and 18th as head coach—and third-year assistant Marcus Washington, the Bulldogs established themselves as a formidable force in the MACCC. Led by veteran anchors Trey Alexander and Kameryn Bailey, the team opened the year with high-energy wins over Delgado and Arkansas State University-Newport. This early momentum proved unstoppable, as the Bulldogs cruised to a dominant 10-1 record by the end of the first semester, capped off by a staggering 100-63 victory over the Louisiana Knights.

Conference play further highlighted the team's resilience and tactical execution under pressure.

A thrilling 95-85 comeback victory over Northwest Mississippi saw the Bulldogs erase a double-digit second-half deficit, while a heart-stopping 70-69 win over Hinds was sealed by a last-second tip-in from freshman Malik McGuire. Throughout the season, consistent offensive performances from

Markalon Rochell, Isaiah Patrick and Jhamien Smith kept the scoring fluid, while the physical presence of Deriyon Graydon and Andrew Mancell provided the defensive stops and rebounding depth necessary to anchor the paint. This balanced attack allowed the Bulldogs to secure a strong 9-5 mark in conference play, positioning them as elite contenders as they headed into the postseason.

The Bulldogs' journey culminated in a hard-fought postseason run in the Region 23 Tournament. In a tightly contested final matchup against Hinds, the game remained locked at a 31-31 tie at halftime, reflecting the sheer intensity of the rivalry. Despite a standout performance from Isaiah Patrick, who led the team with 14 points including four three-pointers, and solid contributions from Smith, Jakobe Cavett and Alexander, Hinds managed to pull away in the closing minutes for a 67-58 win. Though the season came to a close on a tough night, the 20-8 finish serves as a proud testament to the program's century-long tradition of excellence and their standing as one of the most resilient squads in the college's 100-year history.

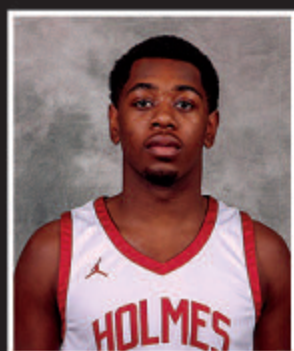


**Jason Flanigan**  
Head Coach



**Marcus Washington**  
Assistant Coach

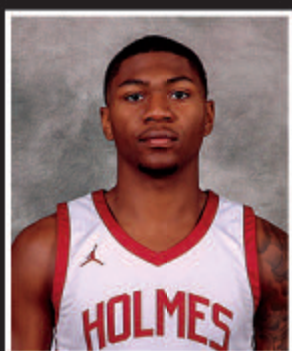




#0 Jakobe Cavett  
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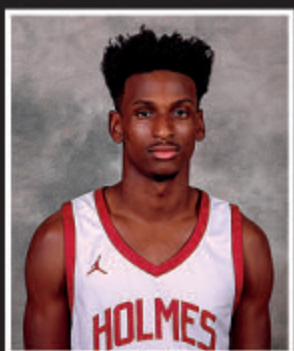
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Guard



#3 Trey Alexander  
Guard



#4 David Washington  
Guard



#5 Tre'Voin Bass  
Guard



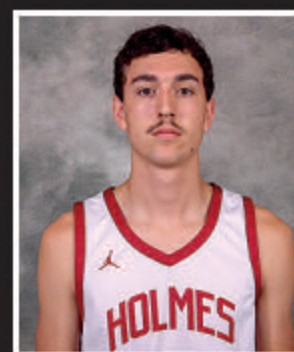
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#11 Javarian Mallard  
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#12 Jhamien Smith  
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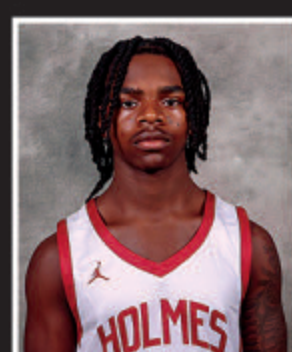
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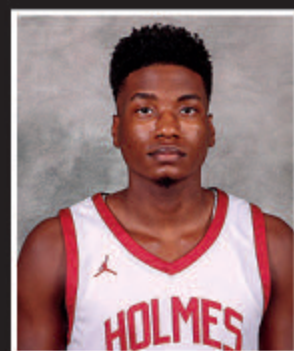
#21 Emajai Horton  
Guard



#22 Kameryn Bailey  
Center



#23 Lebron Johnson  
Guard



#24 Markalon Rochell  
Forward



#25 Deriyon Graydon  
Forward



Justin Green  
Manager



Salacia Lewis  
Manager



# BULLDOG BASKETBALL







# SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                            | SCORE     |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 11.04.25 | Delgado Community College *                     | W, 72-64  |
| 11.06.25 | Arkansas State-Newport *                        | W, 104-54 |
| 11.10.25 | East Mississippi Community College              | L, 83-75  |
| 11.13.25 | Baton Rouge Community College                   | W, 72-70  |
| 11.20.25 | Delgado Community College                       | W, 77-59  |
| 11.22.25 | Southern University-Shreveport                  | W, 68-67  |
| 12.03.25 | Baton Rouge Community College **                | W, 90-67  |
| 12.05.25 | Hinds Community College                         | W, 92-84  |
| 12.08.25 | Northwest Mississippi Community College         | W, 104-94 |
| 12.11.25 | Meridian Community College **                   | W, 77-57  |
| 12.13.25 | LA Knights Prep *                               | W, 100-63 |
| 01.06.26 | LA Knights Prep *                               | W, 65-64  |
| 01.08.26 | Lighthouse Christian *                          | L, 71-69  |
| 01.12.26 | Northeast Mississippi Community College *       | W, 87-61  |
| 01.15.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College **      | W, 95-85  |
| 01.20.26 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College *              | L, 81-68  |
| 01.22.26 | Pearl River Community College **                | W, 74-66  |
| 01.29.26 | Jones College **                                | L, 79-68  |
| 01.31.26 | Meridian Community College *                    | W, 60-55  |
| 02.02.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *       | L, 86-80  |
| 02.05.26 | Hinds Community College **                      | W, 70-69  |
| 02.09.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College *      | L, 77-73  |
| 02.12.26 | East Central Community College **               | W, 76-64  |
| 02.16.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College *           | W, 65-55  |
| 02.19.26 | East Mississippi Community College **           | W, 86-75  |
| 02.26.26 | Itawamba Community College *                    | L, 76-72  |
| 03.02.26 | Coahoma Community College **                    | W, 75-64  |
| 03.05.26 | Hinds Community College ** Region 23 Tournament | L, 67-58  |

\* Home events \*\* Conference



# LADY BULLDOG SOFTBALL

The Holmes Lady Bulldogs opened the 2026 softball season with a clear message of resilience and competitive fire. Under the leadership of Head Coach Matt Hudson, the team set a powerful tone early with a doubleheader sweep of Mississippi Delta on Feb. 4, winning 8-0 and 5-4. "That opening day showed us we could win games even when the score was close," Hudson noted, emphasizing the team's ability to compete under pressure. This early success was bolstered by a mid-February tournament trip to Orange Beach, Alabama, followed by a demanding home stretch of 12 games in five days on the Goodman Campus.

The program's success is supported by some of the premier facilities in the state, including a fully turfed field, a renovated stadium, and indoor training spaces. These upgrades have fostered a true collegiate atmosphere while enhancing recruiting and digital media opportunities. The 2026 squad, featuring six sophomores and 12 freshmen, has been working in unison since August. Hudson specifically highlighted the leadership and effort of sophomores Presley Scarbrough,

Miley Billie, Madison Stephens, Kailyn Ely, Hayley Pascal, Avery Smith, Alyssa Sockey and Allie Henderson. "This group has been working hard since August and we are excited to see where they end up by the end of conference play," Hudson said.

In their conference opener against Hinds, the Lady Bulldogs showcased their depth by splitting a hard-fought doubleheader. Presley Scarbrough anchored the circle in game one, earning the win by allowing just one run on three hits, while Alyssa Sockey and Tashika Carothers led the offensive charge. Although game two resulted in a narrow 6-5 loss in nine innings despite a double from Miley Billie, the effort solidified the team's reputation for tenacity.

At the time of publication, the Lady Bulldogs held a strong 16-10 overall record, featuring 12 home runs, four triples and 44 doubles. The pitching staff, led by assistant Coach Katie Mitchell, has delivered standout performances, including multiple no-hitters and a perfect game.



**Matt Hudson**  
Head Coach



**Katie Mitchell**  
Assistant Coach





#1 Tashika Carothers  
INF/C



#2 Lennie Kate Wood  
UTL



#3 Allie Henderson  
OF



#4 Avery Smith  
P



#5 Presley Scarbrough  
P



#6 Alyssa Sockey  
OF



#7 Josie Azlin  
P/OF



#9 McKenzie Blue  
INF



#10 Kamiyah Stephens  
UTL



#11 Karly Garner  
C/INF



#12 Kailyn Ely  
OF



#13 Emma Fabre  
OF



#20 Miley Billie  
UTL



#23 Lauren Frazier  
OF



#24 Megan Brewer  
C



#25 Hayley Pascal  
P



#35 Mauhree Jones  
P



Marlee Coleman  
Manager



Rachael Dugger  
Manager



Breely Hill  
Manager



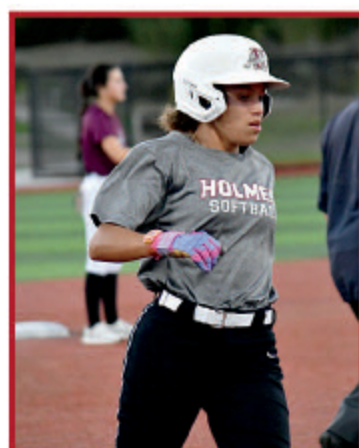
JaKyla McKinnis  
Manager



Garrett Vandevere  
Manager



# LADY BULLDOG SOFTBALL







# SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                                                   | SCORE   |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 02.04.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College #                                  | W, 8-0  |
| 02.04.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College #                                  | W, 5-4  |
| 02.06.26 | Marion Military Institute                                              | W, 7-5  |
| 02.06.26 | Marion Military Institute                                              | L, 4-1  |
| 02.11.26 | Reid State Community College                                           | W, 9-0  |
| 02.11.26 | Reid State Community College                                           | W, 12-4 |
| 02.13.26 | Central Alabama Community College # @Gulf Shores, Ala.                 | L, 5-3  |
| 02.13.26 | Bishop State Community College @Gulf Shores, Ala.                      | L, 4-3  |
| 02.14.26 | Enterprise State Community College # @Gulf Shores, Ala. Coyote Classic | W, 2-1  |
| 02.14.26 | Coastal Alabama - North # @Gulf Shores, AL                             | W, 10-0 |
| 02.18.26 | Southwest Tennessee Community College                                  | W, 16-0 |
| 02.18.26 | Southwest Tennessee Community College                                  | L, 7-5  |
| 02.20.26 | Southeast Arkansas College #                                           | W, 8-3  |
| 02.20.26 | Southeast Arkansas College #                                           | W, 9-1  |
| 02.21.26 | Parkland College #                                                     | L, 7-1  |
| 02.21.26 | Parkland College #                                                     | L, 7-2  |
| 02.22.26 | Kirkwood Community College #                                           | L, 13-1 |
| 02.22.26 | Kirkwood Community College #                                           | L, 9-1  |
| 02.23.26 | Marion Military Institute #                                            | W, 1-0  |
| 02.23.26 | Marion Military Institute #                                            | L, 15-4 |
| 02.27.26 | Southeast Arkansas College #                                           | W, 12-4 |
| 02.27.26 | Southeast Arkansas College #                                           | W, 19-5 |
| 02.28.26 | Lamar State College - Port Arthur #                                    | W, 5-4  |
| 02.28.26 | Lamar State College - Port Arthur #                                    | W, 3-2  |
| 03.06.26 | Hinds Community College # *                                            | W, 4-1  |
| 03.06.26 | Hinds Community College # *                                            | L, 6-5  |
| 03.10.26 | East Mississippi Community College *                                   |         |
| 03.10.26 | East Mississippi Community College *                                   |         |
| 03.14.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College *                             |         |
| 03.14.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College *                             |         |
| 03.18.26 | Coahoma Community College # *                                          |         |
| 03.18.26 | Coahoma Community College # *                                          |         |
| 03.21.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College # *                            |         |
| 03.21.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College # *                            |         |
| 03.24.26 | Northeast Mississippi Community College *                              |         |
| 03.24.26 | Northeast Mississippi Community College *                              |         |
| 03.26.26 | Southwest Tennessee Community College #                                |         |
| 03.26.26 | Southwest Tennessee Community College #                                |         |
| 03.28.26 | Jones College *                                                        |         |
| 03.28.26 | Jones College *                                                        |         |
| 03.31.26 | Baton Rouge Community College #                                        |         |
| 03.31.26 | Baton Rouge Community College #                                        |         |
| 04.03.26 | East Central Community College # *                                     |         |
| 04.03.26 | East Central Community College # *                                     |         |
| 04.07.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College # *                                |         |
| 04.07.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College # *                                |         |
| 04.11.26 | Meridian Community College *                                           |         |
| 04.11.26 | Meridian Community College *                                           |         |
| 04.15.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College *                              |         |
| 04.15.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College *                              |         |
| 04.17.26 | Pearl River Community College # *                                      |         |
| 04.17.26 | Pearl River Community College # *                                      |         |
| 04.21.26 | Itawamba Community College # *                                         |         |
| 04.21.26 | Itawamba Community College # *                                         |         |
| 04.25.26 | Copiah-Lincoln College *                                               |         |
| 04.25.26 | Copiah-Lincoln College *                                               |         |

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# Home events \* Conference



# BULLDOG BASEBALL

The 2025–26 season marked a new era for Holmes Community College baseball as Winona native Adam Chamblee took over as head coach. Chamblee brought experience from Copiah-Lincoln Community College, where his teams twice reached the Region 23 Tournament, and East Central Community College, where he helped the Warriors earn a No. 5 national ranking in 2022. He also coached at Nicholls State University and Meridian Community College.

A Winona High School graduate, Chamblee played at the University of West Alabama, serving as team captain on the 2015 Gulf South Conference championship team. Returning to Holmes, where his parents are alumni, felt like coming home. He praised President Dr. Jim Haffey and the administration for facility upgrades and their commitment to athletics. Chamblee worked alongside second-year assistant Josh Aguilar to build a program focused on a blue-collar mindset, strong recruiting and student-athletes excelling on the field and in the classroom.

"This is my first year here as head coach at

Holmes and we're extremely excited to see where we can take this program," Chamblee said. "We have tremendous facilities to use to help develop our players into the best people and players they can possibly be. We're currently toward the end of our nonconference schedule and excited to get started with conference play shortly. This year's roster has 20 freshmen and three sophomore transfers, so it's a lot of new faces, but many of those guys have contributed a significant amount for us so far. The future is definitely bright for Holmes baseball."

The Bulldogs opened the season by splitting four games with Kaskaskia before defeating Southeast Arkansas College 10-0. Holmes also took three games from Rend Lake and added wins over Mississippi Delta (26-5) and Coahoma (11-8) in Goodman. As the yearbook went to press in early March, Holmes was preparing to continue conference and nonconference play through late April against MACCC opponents including Gulf Coast, Co-Lin, Hinds, East Central and Mississippi Delta.



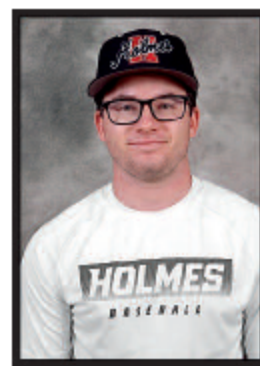
**Adam Chamblee**  
Head Coach



**Josh Aguilar**  
Assistant Coach



**Omarion Eskridge**  
Manager



**Isaac White**  
Manager





#1 Sam Roy  
OF



#2 Eli Lowe  
RHP



#3 Brayson Hall  
OF/LHP



#4 Jack Harkins  
INF



#5 Drew Daigle  
OF/RHP



#6 Cooper Bennett  
OF



#7 Ethan Trimble  
INF/RHP



#8 Cade Clinton  
OF



#9 Jaxon Cripps  
INF



#10 Braxton Demopulos  
RHP



#11 Levi Odom  
RHP/INF



#12 J.R. North  
INF



#13 Adam Smith  
INF/RHP



#14 Mac Griffin  
RHP



#15 Chad Stewart, Jr.  
C/OF



#16 A.J. Arguello  
OF



#17 Tyler Bickett  
RHP



#18 Warner Young  
RHP



#19 Vince Glorioso  
RHP



#20 Chase Peebles  
INF



#21 Lane Robertson  
LHP



#22 Barrett Kuhn  
C



#23 Landon Hoshell  
RHP



#24 Tyler Martin  
INF



#25 Wes Bishop  
OF



#27 Cooper Burleson  
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#28 Britt Stringer  
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#29 Charley Dunn  
C/RHP



#30 Claiborne Perry  
INF/OF



#31 Tre Rainey  
OF/INF



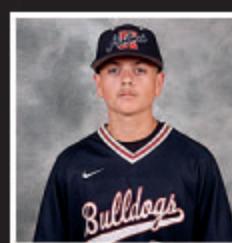
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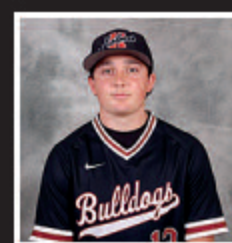
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LHP



#35 Bennie Powell, Jr.  
OF



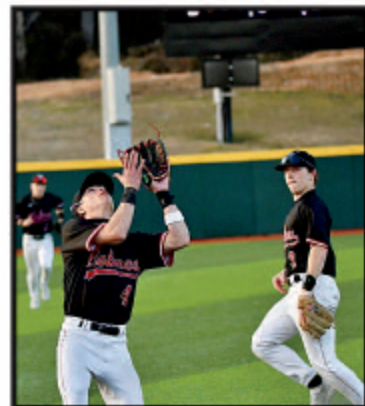
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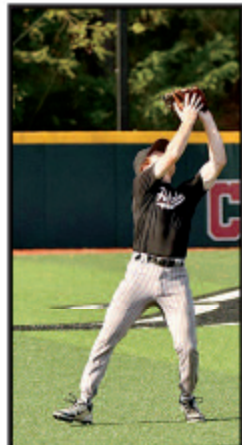
#38 Tyler Hester  
C



# BULLDOG BASEBALL







# SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                                       | SCORE   |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 02.06.26 | Kaskaskia College *                                        | L, 10-8 |
| 02.06.26 | Kaskaskia College *                                        | L, 8-6  |
| 02.07.26 | Kaskaskia College *                                        | W, 6-5  |
| 02.07.26 | Kaskaskia College *                                        | W, 12-2 |
| 02.13.26 | Paris Junior College *                                     | L, 11-6 |
| 02.13.26 | Paris Junior College *                                     | L, 12-2 |
| 02.14.26 | Southeast Arkansas College *                               | W, 10-0 |
| 02.17.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College * @MGCCC           | L, 6-2  |
| 02.17.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College                   | W, 18-7 |
| 02.19.26 | East Central Community College *                           | L, 10-8 |
| 02.22.26 | Wallace State Community College-Hanceville * @East Central | L, 5-4  |
| 02.25.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College *                      | W, 26-5 |
| 02.25.26 | Coahoma Community College *                                | W, 11-8 |
| 02.28.26 | Rend Lake College *                                        | L, 10-8 |
| 02.28.26 | Rend Lake College *                                        | W, 7-6  |
| 03.01.26 | Rend Lake College *                                        | W, 14-7 |
| 03.03.26 | Jones College                                              | L, 12-2 |
| 03.03.26 | Itawamba Community College * @ Jones College               | L, 4-3  |
| 03.06.26 | Pearl River Community College *                            | L, 10-0 |
| 03.10.26 | East Mississippi Community College **                      |         |
| 03.10.26 | East Mississippi Community College **                      |         |
| 03.14.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College *                 |         |
| 03.14.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College *                 |         |
| 03.17.26 | Coahoma Community College *                                |         |
| 03.17.26 | Coahoma Community College *                                |         |
| 03.21.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *                  |         |
| 03.21.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College *                  |         |
| 03.25.26 | Northeast Mississippi Community College **                 |         |
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| 03.28.26 | Jones College **                                           |         |
| 03.28.26 | Jones College **                                           |         |
| 04.03.26 | East Central Community College *                           |         |
| 04.03.26 | East Central Community College *                           |         |
| 04.08.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College *                      |         |
| 04.08.26 | Mississippi Delta Community College *                      |         |
| 04.11.26 | Meridian Community College **                              |         |
| 04.11.26 | Meridian Community College **                              |         |
| 04.14.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College **                 |         |
| 04.14.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College **                 |         |
| 04.18.26 | Pearl River Community College *                            |         |
| 04.18.26 | Pearl River Community College *                            |         |
| 04.22.26 | Itawamba Community College *                               |         |
| 04.22.26 | Itawamba Community College *                               |         |
| 04.25.26 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College **                        |         |
| 04.25.26 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College **                        |         |
| 04.28.26 | Hinds Community College *                                  |         |
| 04.28.26 | Hinds Community College *                                  |         |

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# BULLDOG TENNIS

The Holmes Community College Bulldog Tennis program entered the 2026 season with a wealth of experience, boasting a roster that featured 10 returning sophomores. This veteran group was split between the two squads, with eight seasoned players returning to the men's team and two returning to lead the women's team.

The men's returning lineup included a diverse group of athletes from across the region: Alex Janos of Canton, Matthew Melton of Grenada, Andrew Merrell of Bogue Chitto, John Moore of French Camp, Jemarius Sanders of Winona, Gage Smith of Bogue Chitto, Chris Turner of Grenada and Kendall Williamson of French Camp. On the women's side, the Bulldogs relied on the leadership of returning sophomores Makayla Lay of Winona

and Kazzye Kaye Wood of Terry to anchor the squad.

The 2026 campaign also marked a historic milestone for the program's leadership, as Coach Greg LeVert returned for his 20th season as the head coach of both the men's and women's tennis teams. Coach LeVert brought a distinguished pedigree to the Holmes courts, having originally joined the college after a successful career at Kosciusko High School, from which he had previously retired.

The yearbook went to publication in early March before the Bulldogs were able to complete the remainder of their 2026 season.







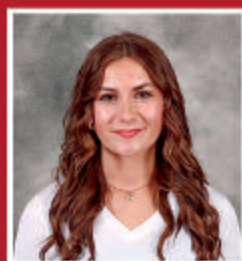
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Riley Arrowood



Terri Clair Cain



Hannah Gilbert



Emma Grace Johnson



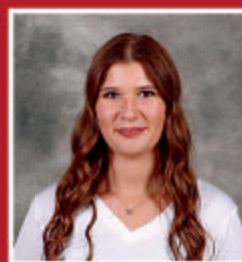
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Cyrish Magculang



Makayla McDaniel



Callie Neal



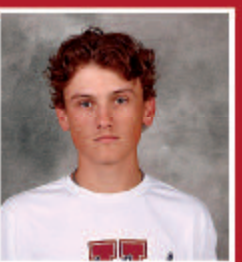
Kazzye Kaye Wood



Wyatt Dyess



Micah Guttery



Alex Janos



Adison Johnson



Noah Johnson



Matthew Melton



Andrew Merrell



John Moore



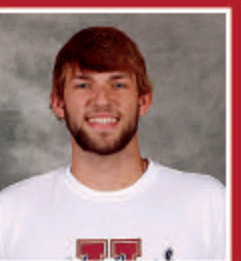
Jemarius Sanders



Gage Smith



Chris Turner



Kendall Williamson



Greg LeVert  
Head Coach



# BULLDOG TENNIS







## WOMEN'S SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                                    | SCORE  |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 02.06.26 | East Central Community College # @Garrett Tennis Courts | L, 7-2 |
| 02.20.26 | Hinds Community College # *                             | L, 9-0 |
| 02.24.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College *               | L, 9-0 |
| 02.27.26 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College # *                    | L, 9-0 |
| 03.03.26 | Itawamba Community College *                            | L, 9-0 |
| 03.06.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College # *            | L, 9-0 |
| 03.20.26 | East Central Community College # *                      |        |
| 03.24.26 | Jones College *                                         |        |
| 03.27.26 | Southwest Mississippi Community College                 |        |
| 03.31.26 | Meridian Community College *                            |        |

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## MEN'S SCOREBOARD

| DATE     | TEAM                                                    | SCORE  |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 02.06.26 | East Central Community College # @Garrett Tennis Courts | L, 9-0 |
| 02.20.26 | Hinds Community College # *                             | L, 9-0 |
| 02.24.26 | Northwest Mississippi Community College *               | L, 9-0 |
| 02.27.26 | Copiah-Lincoln Community College # *                    | L, 9-0 |
| 03.03.26 | Itawamba Community College *                            | L, 7-2 |
| 03.06.26 | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College # *            | L, 9-0 |
| 03.20.26 | East Central Community College # *                      |        |
| 03.24.26 | Jones College *                                         |        |
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# THE DAZZLERS



The Dazzlers have had an incredible year performing at football and basketball games while proudly representing Holmes throughout the community. Whether energizing the sidelines on game day or bringing excitement to special events, the team has consistently showcased its talent, spirit and dedication. Their performances have added to the Bulldog atmosphere, creating memorable moments for fans, students and families alike.

Beyond campus, the Dazzlers continued their tradition of community involvement by attending and performing at a pep rally for Bentonia-Gibbs Elementary. Opportunities like these allowed the team to connect with younger students and share their enthusiasm for Holmes. Through hard work, teamwork and school pride, the Dazzlers have represented Holmes with excellence all year long, both on and off the court and field.





Carla Garcia



Madison Henderson



Tearshanae Mallett



Jayden Neal



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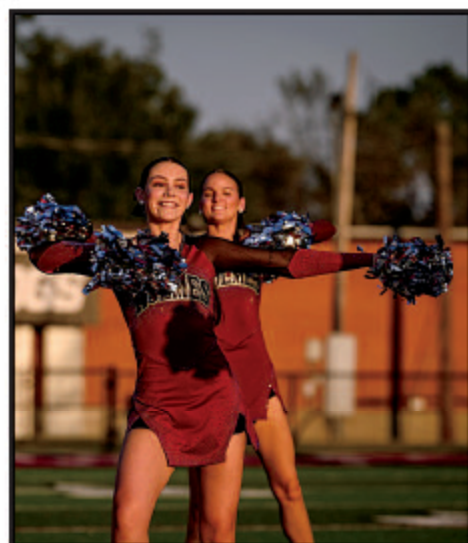
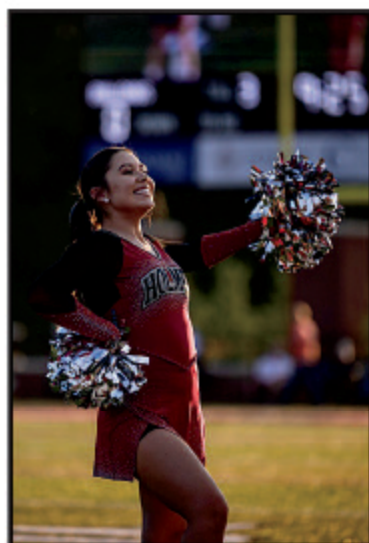
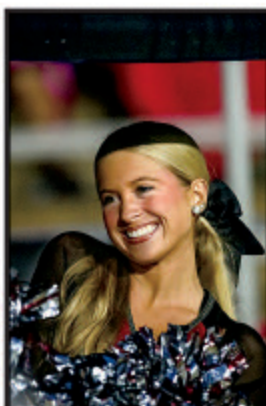
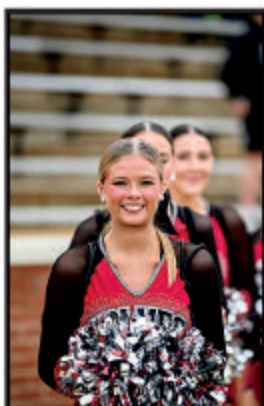
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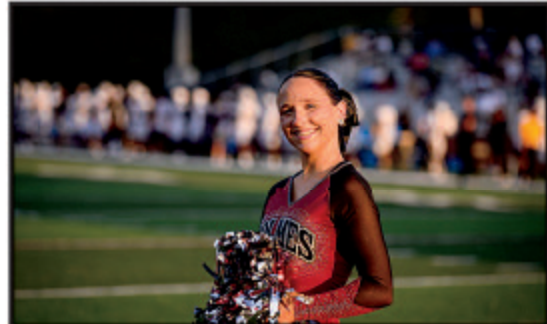
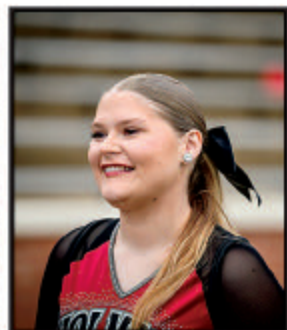
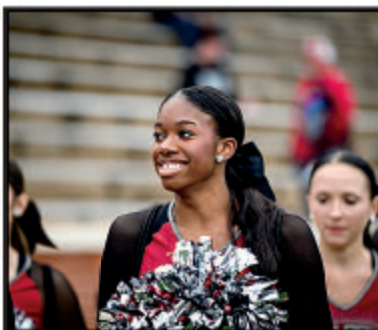
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# THE DAZZLERS











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The faculty of 1967 lead their students, building the strong foundation Holmes stands on today.



Holmes Associate Degree Nursing faculty are all smiles after concluding the Goodman ADN Pinning Ceremony in December 2025.



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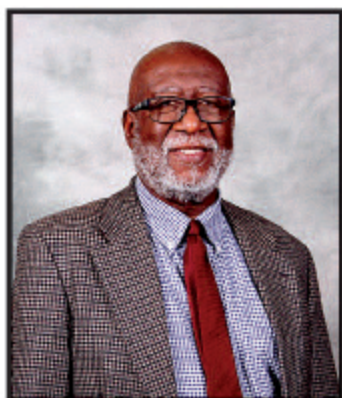
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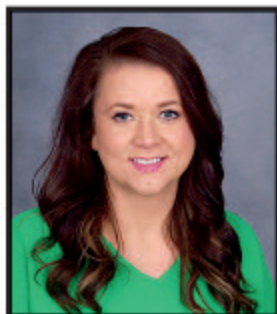
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 Caroline Kiehn, Madison, F. Rd.  
 Ginger Kight, Ridgeland, F. Rd.  
 Spencer Kight, Yarno City, F. Gr.  
 Denise Kilgore, Winona, S. Gr.



Jesse Kilgore, Weir, S. Gr.  
 Sandy Kildrean, Koscusko, F. Gr.  
 Kimberly Kirk, Ridgeland, S. Rd.  
 Joyce Kimble, Bentonla, S. Gr.  
 Amanda Kimbrell, Ridgeland, F. Rd.



Students dress to the nines for their portraits in 1997.



It wasn't picture day, but Holmes students were still all smiles, starting off the 2025-26 school year right.



# Sophomores

Agustin-Salvador, Anthony  
Alexander, Caden  
Alford, Ruobing  
Allbritton, Holly  
Allen, Michael  
Alsalmi, Marya



Anderson, Brian  
Anderson, Kameryn  
Arrington, Alexis  
Avery, Kenneth  
Bailey, Eyan  
Bailey, Tristan



Beach, Christopher  
Bingham, Caitlynn  
Blakely, Carley  
Bonner, Montaine  
Bowdry, Jamya  
Bowdry, Sharnell



Boyd, Candice  
Branson, Jer'Mya  
Brock, Whitney  
Brown, Christina  
Brown, Je'Tara  
Brown, Jessica



Buckner, Sadie  
Byers, Leah Joy  
Byrd, Brandi  
Cain, Stavianne  
Carter, Javier  
Castro Amaya, Emily



Laissez les bon temps rouler!  
Holmes Culinary Arts students take a  
photo with the delicious king cake they  
made for the Fat Tuesday celebration.



In Sara Pollan's Microbiology and General  
Biology I class on the Grenada Campus,  
students sharpen their skills behind the  
microscope.



# Sophomores



Chesteen, B.J.  
Clay, Jada  
Cochran, Sara  
Cook, Ivy  
Cooley, Latonya  
Cooper, Walter

Cotton, Samantha  
Cox, Shalonde  
Cross, Ja'Myran  
Crawford, Leah  
Davis, William  
Dean, Noah

Dedmon, C.J.  
Delandro, Cadence  
Deleon Ruiz, Gumerindo  
Donald, Dilvonta  
Douglas, Teadreuna  
Ellington, Abbie

Estes, Robert  
Evilsizor, Madison  
Finley, Hannah  
Fletcher, Daniyah  
Fletcher III, Edward K.  
Forrest, Tanaka

Fuentes, Jessica  
Garcia, Carla  
Garcia, Diana  
Germany, Molly  
Glazier, Abigail  
Glorioso, Vince



Grenada students (left to right) Ally Bingham, Faith Avery and Maddie Terrell enjoy a Valentine's treat (mini pancakes from Willow & Mane) courtesy of Student Activities.



Students in Dr. Antoine Gate's microbiology class on the Ridgeland Campus collect and analyze soil samples while gaining hands-on experience isolating bacteria.



# Sophomores

Goldwater, Alison  
Goss, Kelly  
Grant, Jada  
Grantham, Landon  
Greer, Ke Juan  
Griffin, Braxton



Griffin, Casey  
Griffin, Da'naya  
Guice, Quizaria  
Gulledge, Fisher  
Hall, Brayden  
Hall, Kelsey



Hallmon, Clarissa  
Hallmon, Ta'nila  
Harbin, Lametria  
Haynes, Alexis  
Henderson, Daylan  
Herndon, Ceketha



Hollis, Preston  
Hooker, Zion  
Hopkins, Shelby  
Howell, Cameron  
Hyman, Bowen  
Ivers, William



Jackson, Tyler  
James, Elijah  
Jamison, Jrace  
Jefferson, Miriam  
Jenkins, Christian  
Johnson, Adriana



A group of Goodman Campus students pause for a photo with the complimentary cookies given out for Canine Companion Day.

Wade Altobelli receives his medallion during the Ridgeland Campus 2025 ADN Pinning.





# Sophomores



Johnson, Octavia  
Jolley, Maeson  
Jones, Kendyl  
Jones, Lillie Kate  
Joseph, Kelsey  
Kelly, Leontyne

Keys, Hannah  
Killough, Amber  
Lack, Reilly Kate  
Lay, Lillie  
Lee, Hunter  
Lee, Jeremiah

Liles, Summer  
Lindsey, Chadsity  
Lipscomb, Jaquon  
Littlejohn, Hannah  
Lockhart, Ashley  
London, Stephanie

Luckett, Takeyma  
Mack, Jalana  
Mahoungou, Odyssey  
Martin, Victoria  
McCarter, Emma Kate  
McClain, Lexi

McCord, Alyssa  
McIntee, Emoree  
Melton, Matthew  
Michael, Neveah  
Mitchell, Jakayla  
Moore, Genna



Pictured are Grenada Campus Phi Theta Kappa Officers (left to right) William Hobson, Lexi McClain and Katie Grace Ray after completing their College Project by installing a micro market in the student lounge to expand food and beverage options.



Kendall Love, Travis Wilks and Marcus Jones proudly show off their certificates after completing the Professional Truck Driver Training on the Grenada Campus. Pictured with them is instructor Rodney Mainelli.



# Sophomores

Myers, Kendra  
Myles, Sharion  
Nelson, Markeeta  
Newcomb, Angel  
Nichols, Lawson  
Noah, Sarah



Ollie, O'mani  
Pernell, Raven  
Perry, Jenna  
Phillips, Daja  
Pollock, Kathryn  
Price, Marley



Pullen, Tamara  
Pulliam, Keairra  
Purvis, Kathryn  
Ragsdale, Aliyah  
Randle, Mariah  
Rankin, De'Atra



Ransom, Benjamin  
Rayburn, Harley Grace  
Redwine, Abigail  
Riley, Makayla  
Robinson, Messiah  
Roman Barragan, Emily  
Ryals, Rylee



Sanders, Rayann  
Savage, Kyle  
Sills, Sawyer  
Skeen, Kari  
Sledge, Tyara  
Smith, Avaunce  
Smith, Ben



Students celebrate Holmes Ridgeland's 40th birthday in fall of 2025.



(left to right) Mika Maehata, Riley Lambert, Mary Canard, Ashlyn Dodd and Houston Griggs are all smiles at former Gov. Haley Barbour's Friends After Five event held Nov. 20, 2025 on the Ridgeland Campus.



# Sophomores



Smith, Caden  
Smitherman, Alyssa  
Spann, Zoe  
Stallings, Kennedy  
Stallion, Monisa  
Standrod, Kayla

Stansbury, Jacqueline  
Staten, Precious  
Sturgis, Tayshaun  
Sykes, D'ariel  
Tanksley, Pharaoh  
Taylor, Amaziah

Taylor, Lakisha  
Teague, Takandra  
Townsend, Le'James  
Turnbo, Wanda  
Walker, Jaylon  
Ware, Marquette

Washington, Jaidyn  
Washington, Kyrion  
Watkins, Ethan  
Westbrook, Genesis  
Wilder, Alexis  
Wilder, Keyanna  
Wilkerson, Katie

Williams, Jakeria  
Williamson, Kendall  
Wilson, Emily  
Wilson, Hunter  
Wiysel, Mason  
Wood, Kazzie  
Zachery, Brent



Grenada sophomore ADN and EMS students participated in a mass casualty simulation on March 2, responding to a bus crash scenario that challenged their skills, communication, and teamwork.



Holmes Goodman Campus Associate Degree Nursing graduates light their candles during a pinning ceremony on Dec. 11, 2025.



# Freshmen

Abby, Epiphany  
Al-Rabahi, Ragda  
Albright, Keaten  
Alexander, Avery Grace  
Alexander, Demaria  
Alexander, Holden  
Altman, Korben



Amer, Uzair  
Arana-Segura, Silvia  
Arrowood, Riley  
Atchley, Matthew  
Austin, Hayden  
Avant, Lily  
Barber, Ethan



Barry, Bethany  
Bartolome Nicolas, Maria  
Bautista-Hernandez, Brianna  
Beard, Elizabeth  
Beard, Emorey  
Benson, Deaira  
Bergeron, Madalyn



Bilsky, Sophia  
Bland, Zaria  
Blaylock, Reid  
Blue, McKenzie  
Booker, Amarrie  
Bouldin, Elzaiver  
Branson, Kendall



Braswell, Remington  
Briscoe, Leah  
Brister, Jeremiah  
Brown, Hope  
Brown, Ja'nekwa  
Brown, Sheriyah  
Cain, John  
Cain, Lora



Dr. Drew Trautman directs the Holmes Chorale during Carols of Christmas.



Holmes Dazzlers (left to right) Tearshanae Mallett, Madison Henderson and Nicole Ramsey pose for a photo during a basketball game.



# Freshmen



Cain, Terri  
Calderon, Arthur  
Campbell, Brayden  
Campusano, Catalino  
Carcia, Cristian  
Carlisle-Mcgee, Colin  
Carson, Cameron

Carter, Janiya  
Castillo, Leila  
Chamblee, Taylor  
Chapman, Makari  
Clark, Asa  
Clark, Owen  
Clarke, Jonah

Clay, Ashlyn  
Cockrell, Mary  
Coleman, Daysia  
Coleman, Patrick  
Collier, Jasmiah  
Collins, Bailey  
Collins, Blake

Collins, Katelyn  
Conner, Caitlin  
Conway, Jordan  
Cooper, Alona  
Cooper, Angelmarie  
Cornelius, Laia  
Cox, Barrett

Craig, Trinity  
Crowder, Adrienne  
Crowley, Olivia  
Crowley, Tylmerria  
Cullins, Jessica  
Daves, Liliana  
Davis, Gregory  
Dawson, Christian



Bully watches with intensity during a Holmes basketball game.



Grenada Campus students enjoy some silly games during a Christmas party on Dec. 3.



# Freshmen

Demming, Erion  
Diaz, Lizzy  
Dodd, Bryan  
Dodd, Jeremiah  
Doston, Neves  
Drinkwater, Tykara  
Durham, Presley



Dyess, Wyatt  
Eaton, Haylee  
Edwards, Skylar  
Engle, Logan  
Escamilla, Marcela  
Evans, Dainnaria  
Falchi Fornitani, Melissa



Ferguson, Jayney  
Flanagan, Skyler  
Fleming, Mason  
Florence, Jaedyn  
Floyd, William  
Ford, David  
Fort, Shakara



Foster, Olivia  
Gilbert, Hannah  
Gilkey III, Eric  
Golden, Coty  
Gonzalez, Jimena  
Goss, Christopher  
Green, Eli



Green, Grayson  
Greer, Parker  
Griffin, Mac  
Grisham, Paisley  
Grubbs, Latraviata  
Guttry, Micah  
Harlos, Kaitlyn  
Harmon, Bryia



Holmes students gather in the bleachers, ready to watch the Bulldogs play football during Homecoming 2025.



Grenada's Phi Theta Kappa students celebrate First-Generation College Students during an inspiring event on campus.



# Freshmen



Harrington, Reonna  
Harris, Jamarion  
Harris, James  
Harrison, Cera  
Hart, Justin  
Harvey, Zion  
Hawkins Jr., Johnathan

Hayes, Laila  
Herron, Maya  
Hill, Breely  
Hobson, William  
Hodnett, Andrew  
Hollman, Treasure  
Hood, Jack

Hope, Kinsay  
Hostetler, Lily  
Hunt, Akeelah  
Huynh, Nhi  
Jackson, Kaelyn  
Jackson, Leila  
Jackson, Taniah

Jefferson, Ekeirra  
Jefferson, Kalyse  
Jenkins, Curtissiyah  
Johnson, Alexiyonna  
Johnson, Emma Grace  
Johnson, Jace  
Johnson, Jaiden

Johnson, Kyla  
Johnson, Ty'quavis  
Jolley, Wes  
Jones, Amber  
Jones, Jordan  
Jones, Kumontrice  
Jones, Lekeshia  
Jones, Madelyn



Ridgeland students enjoy foosball and fellowship during one of the many "Ridge Days" on campus.



Holmes students get rowdy for the Bulldogs during a basketball game.



# Freshmen

Jones, Rayonia  
Jones-Reed, Kaya  
Jourdan, Maily  
Kelly, Ansley  
Keyes, Madison  
Keys Jr., Robert  
Kuhn, Barrett



Kyles, Shamia  
La Rue, Tori  
Lacey, Tyler  
Lacy, Siela  
Lagrone, Calvin  
Landrum, Allen  
Langston, Zykeria



Leach, Joseph  
Lee, Alexis  
Lepard, Gavin  
Levy, Kennya  
Liddell, Kendall  
Luckett, Javarius  
Macgown, Maddie



Magculang, Cyrish  
Mallett, Ta'Niyla  
Malone, Cambre  
Malouhi, Rami  
Martin, Samuel  
Massey, Summer  
Mateo-Domingo, Alex



May, Trevor  
Mayberry, Gabrielle  
McBride, Arabella  
McCarter, Anna  
McCurdy, Avry  
McDaniel, Makayla  
McDonald, Tatyana  
McGaugh, Jacob



Holmes students speak with a representative from Belhaven during the Goodman Campus Career & Transfer Fair in March.



Holmes Goodman Ambassadors (left to right) Bryce Ables, Hayden Austin, Brentin Foster, Eli Green and Maeson Jolley are ready to meet high school students at Major Experience in November 2025.



# Freshmen



McGee, Robert  
 McGee, Taneya  
 McLendon, Kaylyn  
 McVea, Jacob  
 Melton, Hattie  
 Melton, William  
 Mendoza Jr., Jaime  
 Miller, John  
 Miller, Zoey  
 Mitchell, Cardell  
 Moody, Samora  
 Moore, Brandy  
 Moore, Ruby  
 Moorehead, Howard  
 Morgan, Lacey  
 Mosqueda, Melanie  
 Moss, Bruce  
 Murphy, Seth  
 Nail, Sarah Grace  
 Nash, Kaitlyn  
 Nast, Riley  
 Nipper, Shelbee  
 Nugent, John David  
 O'Bryant, Myla  
 Orduna, Elizabeth  
 Ortiz, Aleida  
 Parish, Daynie  
 Parkey, Nathan  
 Pelejo Lopez, William  
 Pernell, Charlicionna  
 Perteet, Tytianna  
 Phillips, Javondia  
 Phinisee, Michael  
 Pickett, George Ann  
 Ponders, Charli  
 Powell Jr, Bennie



Students on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus explored majors and career paths during the QEP Career Seminar on Feb. 11. The "Major Decisions: Find Your Fit, Not Just Your Degree" seminar featured a panel of Holmes alumni who shared real-world insight and advice about their careers.



Grenada Campus students meet with representatives from various four-year schools and companies during a career and transfer fair on Feb. 26.



# Freshmen

Proctor, Kennedi  
Pryor, Jazariah  
Quick, Ty  
Ramirez, Dulce  
Rasberry, Adam  
Ray, Kaitlyn  
Reed, Chloe  
Reirie, Jodyann  
Rickles, Levi  
Roberts, Shaun  
Robinson, Everett Mary  
Roden, John Tyler  
Rouser, Christina  
Sabino, Bryan



Salley, Katie  
Sally, Justin  
Saxton, Conner  
Scott, Jacob  
Seals, Laila  
Self, Hanna  
Shaffer, Brandon  
Skates, Hayden  
Slaughter, Famarria  
Smith, Ansley  
Smith, Jalen  
Smith, Kamera  
Sparks, Alli  
Springer, Natalie  
St. Germain, Madison  
Steed, Molly  
Stewart, Ivrianna  
Stokes, Joshua  
Stouder, Sarah  
Strong, Alexia  
Sullivan, Laila  
Sullivan, Zipora  
Tate, Keyon  
Teague, Jamar



Holmes cheerleaders and Coach Heather Jones are all set and ready to speak to students attending Major Experience on the Goodman Campus.



Students visited with guest speaker Dr. Brinda Fuller Willis over refreshments following her presentation on the cultural and historical roots of Southern cuisine and its connection to African American heritage during a National Endowment for the Humanities event on the Ridgeland Campus. Holmes Culinary Arts provided refreshments for the gathering.



# Freshmen



Terry, Luke  
Terry, Moeisha  
Thames, Xander  
Thayer, India  
Thomas, Jasmine  
Thompson, Aundrea  
Thompson, Terry

Turnage, Audrey  
Turner, Angela  
Turner, Christopher  
Utle, Cooper  
Walden, Tyeisha  
Walker, Barrett  
Walls, Asher

Washington, Charity  
Watkins, Jaylen  
Watkins, Keegan  
Watkins, Satavia  
Watts, Kendrick  
Weeks, Sadie  
White, Carlyn

White, Desmeion  
Wiggins, Kamyia  
Wilder, Garyon  
Wilder, Janiyah  
Williams, Tra Darius  
Willis, India  
Wilson, Hannah  
Wilson, Israel  
Wilson, Madisyn  
Wilson, Tristin  
Windham, Gregory  
Winstead, Stephanie  
Winters, Jaleah  
Wood, Parker  
Woodruff, Nathaniel  
Woods, Charlotte



Dr. Kristy McClain's General Chemistry students in Grenada created Christmas cards using the periodic table and delivered them to residents at All Saints House. Chloe Blakely won the Facebook voting contest for best card.



Students on the Goodman Campus explored majors and career paths during the QEP seminar "Major Decisions: Find Your Fit, Not Just Your Degree," sponsored by Cengage on Feb. 25. The event featured a panel of Holmes alumni who shared real-world insight and advice.





# Recognitions & Dedications





We salute our teachers, the unsung heroes who plant the seeds of knowledge and watch us grow. In 1957, (from left to right) Mr. Billie Montague, Ms. Lottie Mae Peebles and Ms. Jessie Van Osdel were a select few recognized for their hard work and dedication to strengthening the education of Holmes students.



Holmes honored Sgt. Carzell Cavett at a retirement celebration in 2025, thanking him for his years of service to the college. While the Holmes family is always sad to see all our dedicated employees retire, they will always hold a special place in the hearts of the Holmes community.



# Holmes Community College



**David Brock** dedicated 25 years of service to Holmes Community College, spending much of his career managing the courier route between campuses, delivering UPS shipments and ensuring materials were transported efficiently across the district. For the past three years, he also oversaw operations at the college ranch. Before coming to Holmes, Brock spent five years working at Fleetwood Homes of Mississippi, managing a farm supply store and working in farming. Brock and his wife, Elizabeth, are members of Sallis Baptist Church. He is the father of Mandy Vanlandingham and Michael Brock and stepfather to Ryan Cain and Daniel Cain.

In retirement, he looks forward to spending time with his grandchildren, attending their plays and sporting events and possibly enjoying a few vacations. Brock reflects fondly on his years at Holmes and the many friendships he made along the way.



**Sgt. Carzell Cavett** worked for Holmes Community College for 19 years, including 16 years as a sergeant. Prior to joining Holmes, he served as a police officer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for nine years before making Holmes his professional home. In 2019, Sgt. Cavett received a Metro Area Top Cop award during Mississippi's annual Police Memorial & Appreciation Day luncheon.

Sgt. Cavett has been married for 27 years to Vanessa Cavett, who served as a faculty member at Holmes. His hobbies include playing drums for his church and drawing. In retirement, Sgt. Cavett planned to continue drawing and expanding his artwork.

"I would truly like to thank Holmes for the good times I had there and for the growth it provided me," Sgt. Cavett said. "The Holmes family is a great group of people. May the Lord bless you and keep you."



**Debbie Collins** dedicated 12 years of service to Holmes Community College in housekeeping, contributing to the campus community through her commitment and care. Throughout her career, she held leadership and management roles including director of a daycare, executive director of a transportation company, project manager of summer programs, human resources administrator, tours company administrator and manager in both auto sales and trucking operations. She also served as director of housing operations.

Collins is married to Henry Collins and is the mother of Tamarcus and Tiffany. She is a proud grandmother to Telisha, Alyssa, Jamalin and Samuel. In her free time, she enjoys interior decorating, cooking for family and friends and fishing. In retirement, Collins looks forward to traveling, enjoying long coffee breaks and relaxing on her patio while watching the sunrise and sunset with a glass of sweet tea. She says her time at Holmes will always be remembered as one of the most wonderful chapters of her life's journey.



# Retirees 2025-26

**Wendy Jones** retired from Holmes Community College after serving as a campus police officer on the Grenada Campus. She joined the Holmes family in 2024, bringing more than 30 years of law enforcement experience. Jones previously served with the Charleston Police Department and the Tutwiler Police Department. She holds a Master of Science in special education from Grand Canyon University, a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Mississippi Valley State University and an Associate of Arts in criminal justice from Coahoma Community College. She is a graduate of Charleston High School. The daughter of the late Almer Hampton, Jones has one daughter, Ukari Pimpton, and is one of 11 children. She is a member of Table of Life Ministries and enjoys gardening, word games and reading.

"I have loved working with the friendly faculty and staff," Jones said. "I've also enjoyed meeting and talking with our students, and I see why everyone says, 'There is No Place Like Holmes.'"



**Joy Kellum** is retiring from Holmes Community College after 26 years of service, where she is a business office assistant on the Ridgeland Campus. A Holmes graduate, she earned her degree in 1985 and worked in the banking industry before returning to the college. Kellum and her husband, Marty, have two children, Caleb and Danyelle, both Holmes alumni. Caleb and his wife, Mackenzie, have two children, Case and Hallie. In retirement, Joy and Marty plan to travel and spend more time with their family and grandchildren.

"Holmes will forever occupy a cherished place in my heart as both an alumna and dedicated employee," Kellum said. "Working at Holmes all these years was a true privilege. I had the joy of meeting numerous individuals, including current and former employees and students, who profoundly impacted my life. The lifelong friendships I formed are a divine blessing that I will always treasure, and I am grateful for the 26 years filled with unforgettable memories I will hold dear. Thank you — and indeed, there is 'No Place Like Holmes!'"



**Wesley Lepard** retired from Holmes Community College after 19 years of service, including 15 years as a help desk technician and four as an IT support technician. A 1996 Holmes graduate, Lepard earned an associate degree before completing a Bachelor of Business Administration at Mississippi State University in 2002. Before joining Holmes in 2007, he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1989–93 as a Desert Storm veteran and was named Outstanding Contracting Airman of the Year in 1992. He also worked for the U.S. Postal Service and served as director of human resources at Anel Corporation. A musician for 35 years, he most recently performed with the band 51 South, which earned Central Mississippi Best Band honors in 2008 and 2012 and received a Jefferson Award for public service in 2015. In retirement, he plans to spend more time with family while hunting, fishing and traveling.

"Working for Holmes has truly been a blessing for me and my family," Lepard said. "I can't think of a better place I could have spent my career than Holmes. Everyone here is like family, and that has always meant so much to me."





# In Memory of Quinby Morgan



Holmes Community College remembers the life and legacy of Lewis Quinby Morgan Sr., a respected coach, administrator and mentor who dedicated 32 years of service to the college. Morgan passed away on Sept. 14 at the age of 83.

Affectionately known as "Quinby," Morgan began his career at

Holmes in 1968 and served the Bulldogs for more than three decades before retiring in 2000. During his tenure, he held numerous leadership roles, including assistant football coach, head baseball coach, head football coach and director of athletics.

His impact on Holmes athletics and student-athletes was profound and enduring.

Morgan's commitment to excellence, leadership and student development helped shape generations of Bulldogs. In recognition of his lasting contributions, he was inducted into the Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 2020 as a Coach and Athletics Director.

Born Aug. 17, 1942, in Greenville, Morgan was a graduate of Greenville High School. He attended the University of Mississippi before earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Delta State University. His passion for athletics and education guided a career devoted to mentoring young people both on and off the field.

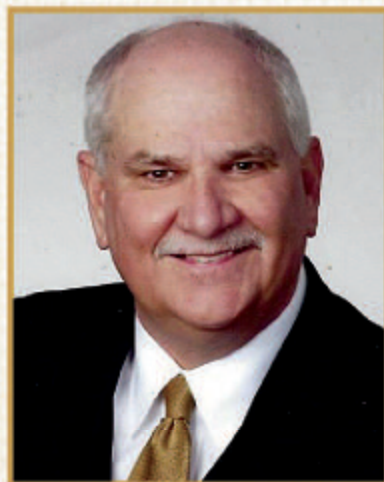
Throughout his life, Morgan was known for his steady leadership, integrity and dedication to Holmes. His influence extended far beyond wins and losses, leaving a lasting mark on the institution and on the many student-athletes and colleagues who had the privilege of working with him. Quinby is survived by his wife, Rebecca Derrick Morgan; sons and daughters-in-law, Lew Morgan, Aaron (Shannon) Morgan and Hamer (Stephanie) Morgan; granddaughters, Avery, Sidney Owens, Kate and Quin; and step-granddaughter, Taylor Whitehead; sister, Nan Rushing (Johnny); sisters-in-law, Sue Morgan and Martha Morgan; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nannie Lou and Starkey Collins Morgan, brothers, William Earl Morgan, Starkey Morgan and Joe Morgan.

Holmes honors and remembers Quinby Morgan for his decades of service, leadership and unwavering commitment to the Bulldog family.



# In Memory of Chief Jimmy Houston

Holmes Community College remembers the life, service and lasting legacy of Jimmy Royce Houston, Sr., former Ridgeland Police Chief and Holmes instructor, who passed away peacefully on Oct. 15, 2025, at the age of 73.



After retiring from a distinguished law enforcement career in 2014, Houston joined the Holmes faculty, where he served as an instructor and led the Criminal Justice Department on the Ridgeland Campus. In the classroom, he was known for combining real-world experience with a deep commitment to student success, mentoring countless

students as they prepared for careers in law enforcement and public service.

"Jimmy was an exceptional instructor and a leader in the criminal justice department as well as for the entire Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus," said Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. "He will be sorely missed."

Before his time at Holmes, Houston dedicated more than four decades to law enforcement. He served more than 10 years as Ridgeland Police Chief and spent 24 years with the Jackson Police Department, rising through the ranks to assistant chief. His career also included service as chief of police in Flowood and as director of Public Safety Planning and Certification for the State of Mississippi.

Houston's leadership extended beyond Mississippi. He completed advanced training at the FBI National Academy in Washington, D.C., and the Drug Enforcement Academy, as well as the Senior Management Institute for Police Chiefs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He also served as an adjunct professor for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, sharing his knowledge with officers nationwide.

Known for his fairness, humility and steady encouragement, Houston left a lasting impact on both his officers and his students. Holmes honors his dedication to education, service and leadership, and remembers him for the many lives he influenced on campus and beyond.



# In Memory of Jamie Edwards Sample



The Holmes Community College family mourned the passing of longtime educator Jamie Elizabeth Sample (Edwards), who died March 4, 2026, at the age of 67, surrounded by her family.

Sample dedicated many years of service to Holmes, working full time from 1981–1992, returning as an adjunct instructor from 2015–2018 and resuming full-time teaching in August 2018. Most recently, she served as a biology instructor, but her work at Holmes also included roles in admissions, student support services, public relations and continuing education on both the Ridgeland and Goodman campuses.

Born Aug. 18, 1958, in Kosciusko, Sample lived a life defined by faith, family, education and service to her community. She devoted her professional life to teaching biology, including more than two decades at Kosciusko High School before returning to Holmes. Known for her patience and

encouragement in the classroom, Sample inspired generations of students with her love of science and belief that faith and learning could go hand in hand.

On Nov. 19, 1977, she married Samuel “Sam” Sample Sr. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Lexington. Their marriage of nearly five decades was centered on faith, family and laughter as they raised four sons. Sample was a devoted member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, where she served as minister of music and church bookkeeper. She enjoyed playing the guitar, spending time with family and friends and supporting her church community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James C. Edwards and Janice Ford; her son, Justin Sample; and her daughter-in-law, Jennifer Fowler Sample. She is survived by her husband, Sam; sons Samuel (Mary) of Madison, Matthew (Sonia L. Scaff) of Birmingham, Alabama, and Patrick, chief of police on the Holmes Goodman Campus; and two granddaughters, Layla Jane Sample and Eliana Grace Sample. Sample held an associate degree from Holmes, a bachelor’s degree from Delta State University and a master’s degree from Mississippi State University.

Remembered as a dedicated educator and caring mentor, Sample leaves a lasting legacy at Holmes through the many students and colleagues whose lives she touched.



# In Memory of Ethan Oxley

Holmes Community College mourns the loss of former culinary arts student Ethan Cole Oxley of Brandon, the son of Lori Oxley and John Oxley, who passed away on Nov. 27 after a courageous battle with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He was born July 25, 1999.

Oxley graduated from Jackson Prep, where he was known as a true friend and a steady, thoughtful presence among his classmates. He could often be found working diligently on his laptop in the school's library cubicle area alongside his closest friends. He enjoyed playing online PC games, taking long drives through the countryside and watching stand-up comedy, always searching for a good laugh. Friends at Jackson Prep nicknamed him "Oxman," a name that reflected his resilience, sense of humor and steady confidence.

After graduating from Prep, Oxley enrolled at Holmes on the Ridgeland Campus and joined the Culinary Arts Technology program.

He quickly became known for his work ethic and passion for cooking. He was an active member of SkillsUSA, representing Holmes at the 2023 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta in the culinary arts division after winning first place in the SkillsUSA Mississippi state contest. In addition to his extracurricular achievements, Oxley earned academic recognition on the President's List in the spring of 2023 for his outstanding scholastic performance.

Oxley also attended the Mississippi Coding Academy, which offers a six-month software development program integrating training in AI, XR (Extended Reality), drones, robotics, cybersecurity and IT support. The program prepares students for immediate employment in the tech industry, addressing both local and global workforce needs.

Before his passing, Oxley continued pursuing his culinary dreams at the Chef John Folse Culinary Institute, part of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, where he was working toward a Bachelor of Science in culinary arts.

"Ethan had a genuine love for culinary arts and was pursuing his bachelor's degree after graduating from Holmes," said Chef Alexei Harrison, Oxley's instructor at Holmes. "There is no doubt with his determination and work ethic that he would go far in our industry. Ethan was a joy to teach and always had a sarcastic wit about him to keep things fun. His classmates and I will miss him terribly and send the deepest condolences to his family."

Oxley's interests were as rich and varied as his personality. He loved the beach, good seafood and video games. His favorite movie was "The Shawshank Redemption," and one of his favorite shows was "The Office." In school, programming was the subject that came most naturally to him. Holmes extends its deepest condolences to the Oxley family and joins them in honoring Ethan's life, accomplishments and the lasting impact he made on those around him.





# Horizons Yearbook Staff

The Horizons Yearbook staff at Holmes Community College helped preserve the college's story during this milestone 100-year celebration. With student staff from campuses across the district, the team used photography, writing and design to document campus life and traditions, connecting today's experiences with a century of Holmes history – celebrating a true Century of Bulldog Pride. The staff is advised by Mary Margaret Busby.



Pictured are members of the Goodman Campus Horizons Fall 2025 staff (left to right) Owen Clark, Cooper Utley and John Miller.



Pictured are members of the Ridgeland Campus Horizons Fall 2025 staff (left to right) Marya Alsalmi, Adrienne Burch, Daylan Henderson, Laila Seals, C.J. Dedmon, Bennett Brantley and Sydney Ball. Not Pictured: Kennedy Proctor, Tori La Rue and Natalie Springer.



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Pictured are members of the Ridgeland Campus Horizons Spring 2026 staff (left to right) Jasmiah Collier, Cameron Badurak, Gregory Davis, C.J. Dedmon and Laila Seals.



Pictured is Allyson Cole, a member of the Ridgeland Campus Horizons Spring 2026 staff who joins remotely from Starkville (she is dual enrolled at Holmes and Mississippi State University).



Pictured are members of the Goodman Campus Horizons Spring 2026 staff (left to right) Cooper Utley and John Miller.



# IN CLOSING



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A huge thanks goes to N'Focus Photography for their work in capturing faculty, staff and student headshots. These portraits are a cornerstone of the yearbook, and their professional touch ensures that the faces and memories of the Holmes community are preserved for years to come.

A special thank you to the Holmes Board of Trustees for their continued investment in this project. It is a privilege to uphold a 100-year legacy of storytelling, ensuring that the history of our college is documented for generations to come.

As a fun fact, the Bulldog featured above—Bennie, who also appears on this year's Horizons cover—was created by the Holmes Marketing Department in honor of the college's centennial and is modeled after real-life student Bennie Pettit, who attended Holmes in 1929.

Hailing from the rural fields of Holmes County, Bennie is a rugged character with deep roots in local history. A graduate of Holmes County Agricultural High School, he balanced farm life with his studies at HJC, where he earned a reputation on the football field as a selfless powerhouse—the type of player who endured the toughest hits so his teammates could succeed. His charm didn't go unnoticed either, as his peers voted him "Most Handsome" during his junior year.

Specially commissioned for the Holmes centennial, Bennie serves as a living tribute to the school's heritage. From his 1920s-era attire that honors the decade of the school's founding to the sprig of wheat in his mouth reflecting its agricultural soul, Bennie stands as a proud symbol of the past.



**Bennie Pettit**





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